

MUSEUM COMMITTEE MAY 24 2010

Present- Nancy, Ed, Dave, John, Rod, Mark

MSC to approve agenda Dave, Mark

MSC approve minutes from previous meetings

Treasurer- \$8,127.71 is shown in the print out as "carryover". A book sale for \$6.50 was added to revenue. Report was tabled until the next meeting.

New Committee members introduced themselves. Nancy gave a brief over view of the project and committee to date.

General discussion of the virtual museum web site. Noreen Haines from Arcadia is currently at work on the construction. The new web site will feature a calendar of events that county historical entities, chambers of commerce, and county offices can access on Google and insert their coming events. A blog page will feature a question every two months on various topics that users can respond to. Example—"What do you remember downtown Independence looking like in the 1960's?" There will be an email address that allows for submission of digital photos and documents that can be added to the web site if such items meet the criteria for use. (Photos must be identified as to when, who, where) There will be links to other historical organizations in the county, to libraries, the county web site, Chambers of Commerce, Ho-chunk Nation and other appropriate entities. This will help to avoid duplication. There is great potential for additional information to be added to the site once it is up and functioning.

The process of scanning in material was discussed. Perhaps in the future the laptop and scanner could be stored and accessed at the courthouse. Involvement of local schools would also be encouraged.

County historical societies and organizations were discussed. Ed updated the Committee on the progress of the Railroad Depot in Whitehall.

Nancy hopes to be able to present the full County Board with a brief presentation of the web site once it is up and running—perhaps a power point with photos and text. Board members could be invited to submit photos or information (family histories, newspaper clippings etc.) for addition to the Virtual Museum.

Next meeting is planned for August 10, 6:00 PM at the Courthouse.

Submitted— Nancy Bergman Secretary