

Commission on Archives and History

May 23, 2017, 10am-12noon.

Minutes

Attending: David Werner, David Laechel, Thelma Boeder, Marybeth Nelson, Mary Bakeman, Randy Koppen, and Kathy Spence Johnson. Hilda Parks attended by conference call.

David W. called the meeting to order.

Rev. Liz Lopez has been added to our membership, as she is a member of the Board of General Commission on Archives and History.

We had a brief time of sharing.

David L. led our devotions; with all the turmoil in the news and our world, he reminded us that "God is Still With Us".

The minutes are accepted as written.

We discussed our plan to submit articles to the Conference communications newsletters. The article we submitted on Heritage Sunday has been accepted as it relates to an event. Future articles need to relate to events, ones we create or tie in to events already happening. We will do four per year. Spring article will relate to Heritage Sunday, Winter might be about the 500 anniversary of Protestantism, Fall might promote a GCAH piece with local implications or application. We will all consider this and gather ideas.

Kathy will create a monthly email to remind us to keep thinking about this.

Kathy showed the new letterhead that Conference Communications created for us. Randy is already using this.

Randy reported that there are no new anniversaries. David reminded us that Forest Lake will be celebrating 50 years in December.

We discussed County Line cemetery. David L. Agreed to contact Bruce Buller, walk the cemetery ground, and take photographs so we can discuss this with some up to date information. Kathy knows of a group that helps restore historic sites. She will gather more information about that.

We discussed the Church Historian curriculum that the Indiana Conference has developed. While we think this would be a great thing to do, we do not have anyone to lead this so we tabled this at this time.

We reviewed our Conference Historic Sites and updated the list of who had been visiting them.

Thelma reported that the FFF is discussing transferring ownership of the site to the West Side Church. Informational rack cards about the site have been made to distribute around town.

Portland Prairie does not have a Conference Historic Sites plaque.

The Lake Koronis GCAH plaque need to be presented.

The Bishop is creating a committee to discuss the Red Rock. Cindy Gregorson asked Kathy which two people on the Commission might serve. Kathy suggested Mary Bakeman and Kathy Spence Johnson.

David L. will be doing research about the Marian UB site.

We have agreed that Kathy will apply for the GCAH plaque for Portland Prairie Church this year 2017.

Kathy reported on the new Past Perfect Online Catalogue. 700 items have been posted. There is still money available from the UMHSMN grant. Kathy and Kim Schmidt the Conference Bookkeeper are keeping track of this. Kathy will confirm how much of this is needed for the Past Perfect Exhibit software for next year.

Kathy is meeting with Christa Meland tomorrow to discuss linking the Online Catalogue to the Conference website.

Thelma reported that her longtime project is coming to completion. She will be looking for ways to share this information.

David L. reported that there are 31 memoirs this year. It is still difficult to get responses from families. Obituaries will be used if no other information is available.

Kathy reported that Bishop Ough wants Bishop Colaw to be remembered in the memorial service. David L. will check with Sheilah to see if they want a memoir included.

Kathy read a quarterly report of her activities. She reported that Arkiv Digital came and scanned records on May 3rd. They did not finish so they will return May 31st. A second Swedish scanning group Swed Gen asked to scan our records and were given permission but did not have time in their schedule to do this. They may come on another trip.

The North Central Jurisdictional Conference is July 10-13 in Bismarck, ND. We appointed David L. and Kathy Spence Johnson as delegates. Last year we extended an invitation for the group to come to Minnesota in 2019. David W. would like confirmation of this. We need to start a planning committee for this. Randy will call Lake Koronis about availability for July 8-12, 2019. Kathy will remind us to think of topics and speakers for this event.

United Methodist Historical Society of Minnesota is dormant. Kathy will check its status with the MN secretary of State. If it is an easy process file, if difficult do not. We will not pursue the IRS status at this time. We need to check the UMHSMN bylaws for what process to follow for this dormant state.

Show and Tell-Kathy brought a photograph collection of Rev. John Lincoln Parmeter that was donated to the Archive.

Next meeting September 12, 2017, following meeting, November 14, 2017.

Adjourned.