

Commission on Archives and History

November 14, 2017

Minutes

Attending David Werner, Marybeth Nelson, Thelma Boeder, Mary Bakeman, David Laechel, Kathy Spence Johnson. Hilda Parks by Conference call.

David W. called the meeting to order.

We had a brief time of sharing.

David L. led devotions, "We are a "team" from the Pastor to the pew". David W. prayed for us.

Mary reviewed the minutes aloud as Kathy had sent out the wrong ones. The Minutes were accepted as written.

Articles-We discussed articles we might submit to the Minnesota Conference Bulletin Board. Kathy and Thelma have written an article about the GCAH transcription project. Kathy will talk to Karla about when it might be included in the Bulletin Board.

Mary suggested we do something with a church historian emphasis. We discussed the article in the Pioneer Press about Fairmount.

We discussed the Indiana Conference Church Historians curriculum. Thelma, Marybeth and Kathy are briefly reviewing this and saving them for the future.

David suggested an article inviting people to participate in several Christmas and winter services at historic churches, Lenora, Old Salem, Salem Paynesville, and Portland Prairie. David will write a draft of this article. Kathy will check dates of the services.

We continued the discussion on how to encourage Church Historians. David W. suggested we send an annual letter of greeting to thank them for their work and let them know they can contact us. Since reading the Fairmont Ave. newspaper story, we discussed asking their historian to serve on the Commission on Archives and History.

David L. volunteered to email the churches asking who is doing this work, getting contacts.

Thelma suggested Judy Clark; retired clergy might be interested in helping. Hilda will contact her.

Thelma reported that Moose Lake UMC will continue being responsible for the First Finnish Site.

Kathy contact Deb Wray about the CAH presenting the GCAH plaque to them at their summer meeting next year. Deb said they would like that. The meeting is July 29, 2018.

We presented the GCAH plaque for Lake Koronis to Keith Shew after the September meeting. Kathy shared a photograph of that presentation.

Mary reported that Washington County Historical Society has an article in its October newsletter about the Red Rock. She will send out the article to all. Her contacts tell her that the city of Newport Historical

Preservation Commission is looking for a site for the Red Rock. Kathy will pass this information on to the Bishop.

We have planned to submit Robbinsdale, Olivet as a GCAH site in 2018. Kathy raised concerns about doing this, as there was not very much support for naming it a Historic Sites in 2011. We will discuss this at a later meeting.

David W. will contact the Session Committee about celebrating the 1968 merger at Annual Conference in 2018.

In the Historian's Report Thelma told us she continues to work on her "Church Starts/Ends" project, she is reviewing it and making updates.

David L. reported that memoirs are completed for this year. The Conference communications office is taking over getting photographs.

Randy reported that he has sent out one letter of congratulations on significant anniversaries.

Kathy is taking a trip to Hanover to see their records.

Kathy brought buttons and nametags from Kathy Austin Mahle for General Conferences she has been a delegate to for Show and Tell. Kathy also shared that she and the Conference IT people have created a process and space for Conference digital records in M-files.

We discussed the NCJCAH event in 2019. Thelma asked that we choose a location first, thinking about hotels, event hosts, and logistics. Some places she suggested we look at are Mankato/St. Peter, St. Cloud/Paynesville, The Twin Cities, and Blue Earth/New Ulm.

Other logistics, Speakers, lunches, trips.

Thelma asked that we set aside our next meeting to firm this up so we can start planning.

David asked us to think of themes. Some we discussed are Native American issues, the 1968-69 merger, Mary's project of the aftermath of the Dakota Conflict, etc. Bring these ideas to the February meeting.

February meeting changed to February 13, 2018, May meeting tentatively set for May 8, 2018.

Adjourned.