

**Final: Friends of the Chalet meeting, Thursday, November 9, 2017 at 6:30 PM in the board room at the New Glarus Village Hall**

**Attending:** Sandy Blum, Shirley Lueschow, Amy Budsberg, Ruth Elmer, Kara Webber, Petra Streiff

The September minutes were read and approved, with one minor correction, for posting onto the Village website.

**Old business:** We are ramping up doing inventory now that the museum is closed for the season. Let Sandy know your availability.

We, again, went over the proof of our new brochure. Kara Webber has received a bid from her former co-worker, Mark Traver of Traver Graphics for both the brochure printing and posters. Petra offered to submit this to the Parks and Rec committee at their next meeting. Interestingly, we are almost out of the 7500 brochures, which we had printed in 2014.

We agreed upon purchasing lemon presses for \$7/piece from the wholesaler, Norpro. We discussed at what price to sell them. We plan to purchase gold or silver labels from Checks Unlimited or Current with our logo on them.

As mentioned before, we received \$100 from Chuck Bauer to use for restoration. He has even offered to take the items in for us. Time, place and item would be carefully documented. It was brought up to explore obtaining matching funds for this from the State Historical Society. Apparently it would cost \$1500-\$2000 to restore the large painting in the stairwell alone!

Sandy plans to have us take up the offer of Ambassador Robert Lamb, of the State College of Pennsylvania, to appraise the stamp collection in the basement, pro bono.

**New business:** We have received an anonymous donation of \$100. \$200 has accumulated in our tip jars. At this time we have \$1148 in our account, \$150 of which will go to the New Glarus Vision in order to keep us under their umbrella.

Our income for 2017, with not all proceeds yet counted, is \$2225. Sandy noted that we have doubled our income in 5 years.

Esther Zraggen has offered to donate more Chalet of the Golden Fleece, Christmas ornaments. Thank you.

Amy Budsberg announced that she will be retiring from volunteering as a guide, however plans to continue to be an active member of the committee. Thank you, Amy, for your help.

Sandy offered to again write a grant request for the Scholls Fund, in the hopes of acquiring money for painting outside and/or restoring the upstairs balcony. Her daughter has offered to assist, as has Amy and possibly Kevin Budsberg.

We are receiving again a grant from the New Glarus Community fund totaling \$4300! We very much appreciate this! At this time, we plan to use it:

\$1800 for painting and repair of 8 windows

\$460 for repair of the front porch railing

\$2050 for repair of 7 serpent heads on our eave troughs

We are proud, also, to be using local contractors for these repairs: Jason Higbie from New Glarus and the Postville Blacksmith Shop.

**Fundraising:** Once again, we had a rousing brainstorming session, initiated by Kara Webber. Suggestions were: mini golf, trivia nights, brat or bake or braetzli sales, Culver's again, wine tasting again, however, outside of Hawk's scheduled hours, enlisting the assistance and color of several of the Wilhelm Tell Usherettes or the Heidi-men(!)

Sandy mentioned that we still have some donated door prizes remaining from our 2017 fundraiser. Amy Budsberg has offered to donate a painting as a future prize.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

**Final: Friends of the Chalet meeting, Thursday, September 14, 2017 at 6:30PM in the board room at the New Glarus Village Hall**

**Attending:** Sandy Blum, Mary Statz, Kara Webber, Amy Budsberg, Ruth Elmer

July minutes were read and approved.

**Old business:** Ruth & Shirley will someday finish the curtains.

Outside spraying for insects has been scheduled by the Village. Thank you.

Inventory continues, although more slowly in summer. We are now doing the books in the china cabinet in the dining room. Let Sandy know if you are available to assist.

We again discussed a bird/lemon press as a Chalet souvenir for next year. It may be as simple as putting our logo onto the box. Kara Webber has found a website for these.

Our newly revised brochure was sent to the Village for approval. Kara Webber is now correcting some errors and formatting. This will again be sent to the Village for a brochure proof and then sent to printer.

Kara is also looking into making a poster of the Chalet for display around town.

**New business:** We are open both Saturday and Sunday during Harvest Fest weekend. We decided to charge \$5/person for admission so as to match the New Glarus Historical Village.

Sandy plans to again apply for the Community Fund Grant. Planned uses would be repair of the front porch steps and railing, and painting of the lower front windows.

We discussed moving some objects around, while of course keeping the collection the same. We may put the cameo collection upstairs into the living room display case to highlight it.

Friends' checking account: \$715.48 at present. \$150 of this will pay for our New Glarus Vision dues.

Recruit visitors! Tell your friends! We are doing well compared to last year, (\$1476 vs. \$992 in 2016,) however we need to push for more, yet this fall. One tour bus has cancelled, which always hurts.

**Fundraising:** We have received a flat \$150 donation from Casey's. Wonderful!

Chuck Bauer, who toured the museum earlier this summer, has sent a \$100 donation to us for use in art restoration. We very much appreciate this. Sandy hopes to obtain estimates on: the Currier & Ives prints, the Salisbury church watercolor in the basement, and the sampler in the guestroom. We discussed other pieces to submit, costs and priorities. We may ask the Wisconsin Historical Society for advice on which pieces to prioritize and where to have some of this done.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21PM.

**Final: Friends of the Chalet meeting, July 13, 2017 at 6:30 PM in the boardroom at the New Glarus Village Hall**

**Attending:** Sandy Blum, Shirley Lueschow, Kara Webber, Ruth Elmer

The May minutes were read and approved, with one correction: Dawn Johnson donated the petit fours to our fundraiser at Hawk's Mill.

**Old business:** Revenue for this June was \$519.91, up from last year.

Kara Webber continues to work on our new brochure. We did a bit of editing of the text. Kara may include a photo collage, as we now have many excellent photos to choose from thanks to Sue Moen. When this is finalized, the Village and all of us will get a chance for a final overview.

Mary and Sandy are working on the guiding schedule. Anyone interested in learning the tour is welcome.

**New business:** Sandy suggested we explore buying bird, lemon presses and attaching our logo, to sell as souvenirs.

We discussed again applying for the Community Fund grant in September, which is awarded in November. Suggestions for use of this, ranged from restoration of the Currier & Ives prints, and/or the Pederson fashion prints, to completing work on windows, repairing the balcony, or painting the building.

The Wisconsin State Historical Society also has grants available. They require matching funds.

**Fundraising:** We briefly discussed doing another wine tasting fundraiser, however, hope to work with Hawk's Mill, in that we may hold it outside of their business hours.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 PM.

**Final: Friends of the Chalet meeting, May 11, 2017 at 6:30 in the board room at the New Glarus Village Hall**

**Attending:** Mary Statz, Sandy Blum, Greg Thoemke, Kim Tshchudy, Shirley Lueschow, Kara Webber, Ruth Elmer

March minutes were read and approved.

**Old business:** Mary Statz attended the Parks and Rec. meeting, on the evening prior. The items deemed for disposal, in the course of doing inventory at the museum, were approved. She also explained the process of inventorying an item.

Larry Stuessy has repaired and painted our front porch. It looks great! Thank you.

Mary Statz and 3 Monticello FBLA students did an amazing job with yard work and in cleaning the museum prior to our open house. We really appreciate this.

Kara Webber continues to work on the redo of our brochure and asked for our input. The text has been completed. We discussed photos, placement and colors.

The Village has agreed to spray for insects at the museum. Thank you.

**New business:** Greg Thoemke, representing the Village and the Parks and Rec. committee, presented some encouraging feedback: Our revenue is increasing to levels where Village support is on more solid ground. Our volunteer involvement is appreciated, and they are very happy that we are going to hold a fundraiser.

We plan to document, monthly, our number of visitors, the number of "Square" users, and also assign a monetary value to our volunteer hours.

Tours, scheduled so far, are: Friday, June 2: 10 people

Thursday, June 29: 20 people

We were encouraged to sign up to guide for the upcoming season.

**Fundraising:** Plans were made for our upcoming fundraiser, which will take place at Hawk's Mill WineHaus on Saturday, June 3, from 5PM to 7:30 PM. It is a wine tasting and cheese event. Cheese is donated by Bruce Workman. Dawn Johnson is providing petit fours from Swiss Colony, and Denise Anton-Wright, crackers. Cost will be \$25/person or \$45/couple. The venue can accommodate 60 people max. We will have several door prizes and are searching for a few more.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 PM.

**Final: Friends of the Chalet meeting, Thursday, March 9, 2017 at 6:30 PM in the board room at the New Glarus Village Hall**

**Attending:** Sandy Blum, Mary Statz, Kara Webber, Kim Tschudy, Ruth Elmer

The November minutes were read and approved.

**Old business:** Tere Dunlap, who has been working on the re-do of our brochure, is stepping back, due to other commitments. Thank you, Tere, for all your work. We discussed some small changes to the brochure. This will be coming out this year. Kara Webber is working on the completion.

Admissions will be the same this year: Adults-\$8

Seniors-\$7

Students-\$5

**New business:** Our museum opens to tours on May 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Fundraising:** Most of our discussion centered on plans for an upcoming fundraiser. Our original idea of a "Tea with Edwin," will not be available as a local business declined to participate. We will look for a different venue to hold a fundraiser. Up for consideration, is a wine and cheese event, possibly early in May. Bruce Workman of Edelweiss Cheese has already volunteered to donate the cheese! We would show off items from the museum, which are not on the standard tour, and possibly provide some door prizes. Sandy Blum is going to explore our options, and work with the Village on the details/permissions.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 PM.