

## **CCHPC minutes For September 10, 2021**

Those in attendance were Brandi Backes, Ellen C, John Nikolai, Chris Schoen, and Roger Thomas.

Agenda approved in a unanimous motion by Ellen C. and seconded by Chris S.

Minutes from August 13, 2021 meeting were approved in a unanimous motion by John N. and seconded by Brandi B.

Budget Report: Per Auditor's office balance in CCHPC account is \$1, 927.

### **Old Business**

Rock Crest Barn: John Nikolai reported that Archaeologist Rebecca Conard, Field Services Consultant from the State of Iowa will be here today to meet with John N. and barn owner Alan Johnson. She will do a Site Inventory including the interior of the barn. This is will be a step towards hopefully getting a National Registry designation for the barn and some financial awards- state tax credits. John N. reported that Alan Johnson has ok'd some out of pocket expenses for this barn review.

St. Mary's Convent building: Chris Schoen reported that there has been no new update regarding this building other than the alumni group has offered to purchase the building for a nominal amount. No word on progress at this time.

Historical Markers: Roger Thomas will follow up on this after his daughters wedding. The idea will be presented to towns in the county to highlight their founders, a particular historic site or building with some financial support from our group with a sign to mark the person(s) with a historic marker.

Historic Pop Up: Roger Thomas has ordered this for our group to place around the county. It is related to Iowa's celebration of their 175<sup>th</sup>.

Iowa State Fair: CCHPC attendees basically said it was a good experience. Booth location was very good. Suggestions were to not have so many banners, space was limited. Suggested that have fans, fly swatter, tatoos. Group suggested a more tiered look to the booth instead of floor banners.

Benton County Preservation Camp: Roger T. reviewed this training possibility for CCHPC members.

Roger T. stated that Jennifer Garms will contact James Downing of Monona that we met at Elkader's 175<sup>th</sup> celebration in June to see if he would like to become a member. Brandi B. states she has received new member binder and will sign new member info for the Supervisors to review. Darla K. will take info to the courthouse for Supervisors to approve. Brandi reported that she has a new job and will be able to attend meetings in person from now on.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Ellen C. suggested that CCHPC ask permission of owners of the Ron and Rose Engelhardt barn in Elkader's to take pictures of it.

Roger T. reported that members of Giard Church want some assistance to save windows etc. Roger will speak with Kathy Cater regarding plans for the church and get back to Commission.

Next Meeting Friday, October 8, 2021 at CCDG office

Motion to adjourn by Chris S. and seconded by John N. was unanimously passed.