

Minutes
St. Joseph Island Museum Board
St. Joseph Island Museum Grounds
Monday May 27, 2024
7:30 pm

Present: Barry Elliott, Karen Mascardelli, Tanna Elliott, Lavera Crack, Val Fiegehen, Janet Callahan, Carrie Kennedy-Uusitalo

Absent with Regrets: Dana Stevens, Greg Senecal, Judi Dukes

Minutes: Accepted as presented by Janet, seconded by Val, carried

Board members toured the Museum grounds where Carrie showed them where the new building will be placed. The location is between the Log House and the Brick School on the gravel patch. The Board agreed that the building should be angled to use the space more effectively.

Carrie also pointed out the ramp on the Log House that was extended and moved away from the house.

The Kentvale Store was also looked at, condition of the paint and the sign, it was decided that it will definitely need maintenance done as it has been opened up to the sun with the elimination of the maple that shaded most of the building.

Dates were set for the two main events. *Heritage Day* will be Sunday July 14th and *Teddy Bear Picnic* will be Sunday July 28th both events 1-4. Carrie had the idea of doing a dramatic presentation for Heritage Day. She contacted Cindy Ellen Crawford and has obtained permission to use Cindy's research/previous Museum Moments for source material.

Lily Kangas has been booked as the entertainment for the Teddy Bear Picnic. She is an author of children's books.

Carrie brought sign-up sheets for board members to help at both of these events.

- We are proceeding ahead with a new "Enrichment Fund" this will be money donated from individuals that will be directed to some area of the Museum that has been chosen by the Board to enhance the visitor experience. It had been decided that straight donations can be made or donations in memory of someone etc. Plaques would not be placed on the bench due to the cost and the maintenance of numerous plaques out in the elements. Instead a framed picture of donor names would be posted at the Museum. The new program will be launched in the Member newsletter.
- The tent is in rough shape and leaks, collectively the Board agreed this year the canvas would not be replaced but to try to patch with Flex Tape but the tent will certainly need to be replaced soon.

- The second printing of the cookbooks have arrived. Board members took some to sell. It was decided to place an ad in the Clippings to advertise. Carrie will look after this.
- Carrie has put together a Children's Reading Program and would like to launch it this summer. She contacted the Children's Library and it was decided it was no conflict, it would take place in the afternoon. Carrie is still working on the details of this new program.
- Carrie asked for Board help with the Community Night parades. This is always challenging. It was decided the board members that could, would walk the parade route.
- Carrie would like to add a sensory table to the Museum, to add to the children's activities. She contacted John Paterson, he is preparing a quote and plan for this project.
- Carrie would like to have stickers made for children completing the scavenger hunts. Currently the Museum gives out little trinket prizes and Carrie would like to eliminate this and give out stickers. She will contact Green Oak Graphix and ask for a quote.
- She is also working on a new brochure for the Museum. We have run out of the current brochure and need to print but feels it's time to update.
- Carrie has tried to book a few artists for make and take classes and has come up short. She had the idea of trying a tea on a small scale. Do a few settings and run a few throughout the season. She will work out the costs and how the event would run. The Board thought this might be a good idea but wanted to make sure it was going to be feasible. Carrie would do some more fact finding.

Old Business

Barry will look into the pricing of materials and labour for the Kentvale Store refurbishment. The old sign would become an artifact and a new one made. Carrie will look into this.

Bunkie

Tanna has been working with Karhi to have the building moved. We will require a building permit. Carrie will look into this through the St. Joseph Township. The building will be used for storage. Bil Trainor (Bunkie donor) contacted Carrie and has requested the name of the Bunkie be Mabel's Cottage. The Board agreed that this would be a great name as Mabel was a relative of Bil's and a founding member of the Museum. Carrie will look into having a sign made through Gord Hawdon.

New Business

Summer students were hired. Ella Karhi was hired for 9 weeks and would start the last week in May and be done at the end of July. Lauren Ouellette was hired for 9 weeks and would start in June and be done mid-August.

The Lion's Club donation, dance was a success and the Museum will benefit from the proceeds.

Karen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00.

Next meeting at the call of the Chair.