

FOSH BOARD MEETING Minutes

Monday Aug.3, 2026, 6:00pm on Google Meet

Call meeting to order by Greg at 6:05pm. Attending: Ed Ritger, Jon Scott, Greg Zahn, Alison Witt-Jannsen, Eric Fassbender, Stanley Steinert, Rhonda Hare, Fred Klessig, Alan Pape

1. Approval of June 1, 2026 minutes: Greg moved to approve and Jon seconded.
2. Approval of Treasurer's Report: Greg shared a written report of approx. \$18,000 in checking. We have recently received many more memberships and donations. Stan moved to approve and Fred seconded.
3. Membership: Alison sent an updated membership list from DonorView.
4. Events/ Oktoberfest Committee meeting update
 - a. Food, Beverage, Music, rides to beer cave is confirmed
 - b. Everyone bring portable tables and pop up tents if you have one.
 - c. Two members at each station to relieve each other
 - i. Alan, Fred in House
 - ii. Ed, Stan in beer cave (send them a script)
 - iii. Eric, Jon in cabin
 - iv. Greg-beverage station
 - v. Alison, Rhonda at Welcome/merch.
 - vi. Ned? At archaeological station
 - d. Advertising: posters are up, Facebook is up, Rhonda sending to newspapers
 - e. FINAL COMMITTEE MEETING Sept 7 at 6 pm
5. Restoration Committee Report: For Norwegian Cabin: Mortar will continue. Mesh is almost done. Siding can be started and windows on east wall. For House: Fred is getting more quotes on the roof repair. Discussion was held as to whether this would be a temporary patch or the final roof. It was determined this is the final. Shoring up of east wall—send Eric the plan.
6. Old Business:
 - a. New video is now available for \$25.00 (4hrs divided into sections) available at Oktoberfest
 - b. All of our books and Alan's memoirs available at Oktoberfest
7. New Business:
 - a. Capital campaign/Fund raising: An individual has been contacted whose services are \$2000/month. We will need a Strategic Plan to enlist her services. Discussion was held if we are ready for this step and expense. Alison and Greg felt we are not ready and should meet to write a strategic

plan, Rhonda and Alan felt we are ready and already have a business plan written by Alan, just needs to be approved. No decision was made.

- b. Washington County Historical Society has a hair wreath which was originally in the House. DNA analysis will be conducted to see if a match with modern day Klessigs
- c. Immigration Letters from Klessigs to relatives in Germany—these were hand written and translated to English. They are now typed. Alison will forward them to members

8. Motion to adjourn: Eric motioned and Jon seconded at 7:27 pm