

**AGENDA FOSH BOARD MEETING**  
**Monday April 7, 2025 6:00pm on the ZOOM**

Attending: Ed Ritger, Greg Zahn, Jon Scott, Fred Klessig, Alan Pape, Alison Witt-Janssen, Rhonda Hare, Jim Dieringer

1. Call Meeting to order: Greg Zahn called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm.
2. Approval of Feb 3, 2025 minutes: After some discussion as to whether or not the dedication would be celebrated on the actual anniversary of Nov. 3, or at the October workday, Greg motioned and Alison seconded to celebrate the 170th anniversary of the dedication at the October 18, 2025 workday. Motion carried. Alison then motioned and Greg seconded to approve the February minutes with that clarification. Motion carried.
3. Approval of Treasurer's Report: Greg reported a total of \$80,652.00. Upcoming bills include Porta-John, Insurance, and Electric. Discussion: Ed and Greg will work on a letter regarding the services not rendered on time or as requested from Jeff Beane. Alan motioned and Jon seconded to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion carried. We do need an insurance review soon.
4. Membership and Events Report: Alison reported 24 current members. The newsletter will go out this month with all recent news and upcoming events. Two Lights for Tomorrow: Rhonda motioned and Alison seconded that Greg should order two solar lanterns so that we can participate in this event on April 18. Motion carried. The John Deere day, June 14, will just be a regular workday, although we do have our name and info advertised at the John Deere event headquarters-Washington Co fairgrounds, so we will welcome visitors! Octoberfest will be September 20, with brats and beer Tours of Norway House; and the 170<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration will be on October 18.
5. Development Report: Log construction internship will be done by Eric Fassbender. This stipend is already in the budget. Greg will triple-check on insurance coverage for him and his partners. He will be hosting seminars, with the first seminar proposed Jun 20-21 Sat-Sun. Details are as follows: **Our Friends organization along with Alan and The Tower Heritage Center will be**

hosting a "Log Cabin 101" two day workshop at our property June 20-21. 20 student openings at \$200 will be offered. This will be the first of many class offerings on different class and workshop themes that we will be able to host in the years to come.

6. Building Committee Report: Greg reported on the structural update. Chris Penkala and Steve Schmitt of Jos Schmitt Construction will be starting on the east wall repair and cabin foundation. They have obtained building permits and will coordinate excavation for the foundation. This is covered in line 1 and 2 of the budget. Roof patching is being done graciously pro bono by Chad Moore Roofing. We will begin minor repairs on the Poultry Barn for use as a temporary work area. (Furniture has been removed and donated). The electricity to this area has been installed. Jon will bring 200 ft extension cords plus a splitter to bring power to the house. Dumpsters cost \$475 for 10 days, or truckloads can be taken to a site. No decision was made on a dumpster—will talk on April work day.
7. Old Business:
  - a. Kuhn half-timber house donation, site/usage -tabled
8. New Business:
  - a. Marketing/fundraising—Online campaign-tabled
  - b. Please check the newsletter for fun upcoming events with the Saxon Homestead Farm and Lutze Housebarn on Sat. July 12!
9. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Dates: Next board meeting on Monday May 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm ZOOM

2025 Work Days: April 19, May 17, June 21, July 16, Aug 23, Sept 20, Oct 18, 2025

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