

Friends of Saxonia House
BOARD MEETING
Monday February 3rd, 2025 6:00pm on ZOOM

1. Call Meeting to order: Greg Zahn (Jon Scott and Alan Pape are absent)
2. Approval of December 2nd, 2024 minutes: Ed motioned and Greg seconded.
3. Approval of Treasurer's Report: Discussion about Beane engineering bill/report. We are paying half so far due to not meeting our requests.
Discussion about insurance: Greg made a motion and Alison seconded to defer insurance for vacant coverage and off site gatherings until needed. Motion carried. Fred made a motion to cover us for serving food and liquor (\$700 limit) for two events. Ed seconded. Motion carried. Ed made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and Jim seconded. Motion carried.
4. Membership and Events Report: Alison reported two new members. 2025 events discussion: John Deere June 14th. We will serve beer and pretzels. Rhonda will get the permits from Township. Oktoberfest September 20. 170th Anniversary Gathering Nov. 1, 2025. Singing of the song, brats and beer, tour of Norway House.
5. Development Report: On-going work with Tower Heritage Center to establish a Washington County Historic Preservation Foundation to help fund Saxonia House and many other county projects, also brings in West Bend Mutual Insurance Co.
6. Building Committee Report: Fred asked about access to poultry barn and Norway Log house so that it does not ruin underground historical relics. Electric service will go adjacent to current septic, to the poultry barn.
 - Norway House Report: Architect Chris Penkala preparing construction drawings. Jon Scott is refining interior exhibition plans to present to the Board at the next meeting.
7. Old Business:
 - a. Barn shingles/dumpster rental/work day volunteers/cost discussion
Rhonda will ask Marcia about how to dispose of shingles. Ed will also ask around. Next meeting is in April... email ideas before then. Fred motioned and Alison seconded to spend up to \$1000 on disposal unless something else comes forward before the April meeting. Motion carried.
 - b. Minor repairs to Poultry Barn as a temporary work site(doors/floor). Ed and Greg will ask around in order to make the least expensive repairs, looking at contractors and getting bids.

- c. Book keeper to help with new filing requirements: Ed, Greg. Due in June.
- 8. New Business:
 - a. Schedule of interior Saxonia House bracing/shoring plans, Chris/Greg
 - b. Can Jos. Schmitt do the bracing and shoring? When?
 - c. Centerville scheduled member exchange July 12 and 18 possible dates, Fred will check into it.
 - d. Celebration of dedication anniversary: Nov. or Sept? No decision made.
- 9. Adjournment: Motion by Alison, Ed second, motion carried for 7:40 adjournment.
Dates: Next board meeting on Monday April 3rd, 6:00pm ZOOM

2025 Work Days: April 19, May 17, June 14, July 16, Aug 23, Sept 20, Oct 18, 2025