

Historical Committee Meeting Minutes January 27, 2025

Members Present: Trustee Mike Light - Chairman
Sue Light
Jeanette Wilson
Bill Wilson
Keith Knautz - Staff
Jessica Maricich – Staff
Sydney Wirtz – first time attendee

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 pm The following are the minutes from the January monthly meeting for the Historical Committee. At this meeting, the committee evaluated the recent Victorian Christmas featuring a Glendale Heights Christkindl Market event, reviewed new signage, and discussed plans to better organize the Historic House.

Victorian Christmas featuring a Christkindl Market – The event took place on Saturday, December 7, from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM at the Historic House and surrounding area. The committee evaluated the event together and made some decisions regarding the event in 2025:

- The event will take place on the same day as Breakfast with Santa.
- The event will be shortened from five hours to three hours (1:30 PM to 4:30 PM).
- The Victorian Carolers were a hit.
- The horse and carriage ride was a hit.
- The scavenger hunt (with a prize) was a hit.
- The surrounding businesses were very kind to allow us to use their parking lots—it was voted to send those businesses a thank-you card.
- The Christkindl market was not as successful as we had hoped it would be

Marketing Initiatives – In order to better promote the Historic House Open House events, Recreation Supervisor Jessica Maricich created a few banners/signs to be displayed. Jessica also created Do Not Touch signs to be put up within the Historic House. The committee reviewed the signs and provided their feedback.

Rental Application – At previous meetings, it was discussed to create a rental application to give the public the opportunity to rent out the Historic House. Recreation Supervisor Jessica Maricich created an application and passed it out to the committee to review. The committee members will bring their notes to the next meeting.

2025 Projects – The committee discussed the first 2025 project that they want to work on: organizing the office upstairs and the basement. The committee agreed to meet on Saturday, February 15, to start the projects. The plan is to meet monthly (separate from the committee meetings) until these two projects are completed.

2025/2026 Budget – The committee discussed what they would like included in the 2025/2026 budget, such as Historical Committee shirts, storage boxes/bins, printing costs for new pamphlets, and display cabinets/walls.

Next Meeting – A discussion to set the next meeting took place, and the date was decided to be Wednesday, February 26, at 6:30 PM at the Historic House.

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm.