



Old Town Hall Museum

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Catching up With Life at Price County Historical Society

By: John L. Berg

The **BIG** news this year is the construction and dedication of the Louis A. Koenig Research Center on the Fifield campus of the Price County Historical Society. This project is the culmination of a long-standing dream of the Board to have a single, secure structure in which to archive and work with the photograph and paper ephemera artifacts in the Society's possession. So, with a blessing of good weather and expertise of Dennis Huotari and his crews we had our dedication on September 16, 2023!

The Old Town Hall Museum and Greenfield School had another successful season and we are all taking a collective **"WHEW!!"** and settling in for the coming winter's work. And in spite of all the work that goes into the buildings, events and meetings, we wouldn't be doing this if we didn't think **History is Fun!!!**



Over 100 individuals attended the dedication ceremonies for the Louis A. Koenig Research Center on September 16. Photo by Tom Nicholls



From left, Price County Historical Society board directors John Berg, Bonnie Salm, Thomas Kaiser and Etola Foytek, president watch while Dr. Craig S. Koenig cuts the ribbon to officially dedicate the Louis A. Koenig Research Center, named for his grandfather. Photo by Connie G. Hicks

AT THE LOUIS A. KOENIG RESEARCH CENTER

By: John L. Berg

The past year has been a shared focus of the museum operations AND the work of fundraising and planning for the construction of the Louis A. Koenig Research Center. While each of the Board members were involved to varying degrees, keeping us focused on the finish line was our President, Etola Foytek, who firmly oversaw our goal of getting us to September 16. Quietly, behind the scenes our Secretary/Treasurer, Lorraine Pilch applied her years of management and financial skills during her career in public service to management of finances. Lorraine also worked closely with Carol Koenig to insure communication on building plans and progress. Two guys who also worked closely together have been Tom Kaiser and Dennis Huotari, of Huotari Construction, Medford, WI. Tom is a PCHS Board Member who is our Project Manager for the Koenig building. During the “offseason” Tom maintained a weekly communication with Dennis. PCHS is extremely fortunate to have employed Dennis for this project—his expert professionalism and commitment to quality work guaranteed that the Louis A. Koenig Research Center is a well-constructed and handsome structure that enhances the museum campus at Fifield. The official groundbreaking occurred on November 1, 2022. By November 12, Huotari crews had poured footings, covered them with heavy tarps and then Ol’Man Winter settled in for good, halting all activity until spring. Winter teased Dennis Huotari and his crews with some big snowstorms that delayed the start of serious work until April 22; cement block was delivered on the 24th and work began in earnest. By mid-July there was a complete building structure in place, awaiting the finishing work by the trades crews. Things got a little tense a month later waiting for the con-

crete floor to cure so that the flooring could be laid. Final installation of the floor was done on September 12. Whew! And all of a sudden we found ourselves at September 13—we had to move in and get the place looking like a working archive. Here is where the rest of us stepped up and put the muscle needed for moving all the furniture and some of the collection materials to the Koenig Center. With the assistance from members of the Phillips High School Loggers Basketball Team and their Coach, Amy Ring and Amy’s husband Tyler, the heavy, large vertical and horizontal file cabinets were moved to the Koenig Center on Wednesday afternoon. An absolutely monu-



Back Row L-R Tyler Ring, Phillips Logger Team members Collin Kleinschmidt, Lane Abraham, Brayden Revak, Coach Amy Ring, PCHS board members Etola Foytek and Traci Dunbar. Front Row L-R Jordan and Jamison Ring. Not present for photo J.J. Heikkinen

mental task! Thursday was all hands on deck as we organized the furniture and materials we had on hand so the visiting public would get an idea of how the Koenig Center would look and operate. Friday was more of the same—cleaning the Old Town Hall and Greenfield School and last minute touch-ups at the Koenig Center. The crew from Pak Falls True Value Hardware came in and unloaded 100 chairs and set up the big tent on Pine Street directly in front of the Koenig Center.

By Friday evening it looked like we had a campus we could be proud of for Saturday's big event. Saturday morning dawned early and by 10 a.m. Carol Koenig, her brother Stephen and wife Cathy, nephew Craig Koenig, niece Sarah Koenig Standfield and Carol's cousin Richard Kramer and wife Kaye along with other family members gathered at the Koenig family plot at Forest Home Cemetery in Fifield for a memorial service conducted by Fr. Shaji Joseph Pazhukkathara, of St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Park Falls and St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Fifield. Meanwhile at the Koenig Center— Board members arrived to set up 100 folding chairs, do last minute cleaning in the Old Town Hall Museum, set up refreshments inside the Koenig Center, assemble the public address system and table by the tent and place floral arrangements provided by Traci Dunbar and Etola Foytek, which provided a colorful and inviting accent to the buildings. We opened



Tom Kaiser, discusses the many facets involved in building the research center.



Fr. Shaji begins the family memorial service at Forest Home Cemetery in Fifield honoring Johann (John) and Theresa Koenig, grandparents of Carol J. Koenig
Photo by Richard Kramer

the museums for visitors at 11 a.m. and by noon there was a sizeable crowd gathering. The weather was cooperating with beautiful sunshine playing hide and seek with big, white puffy clouds driven by a refreshing breeze—shaping up to be a beautiful autumn day in Price County! As emcee, I started the

presentation at 1 p.m. by introducing Father Shaji for an Invocation. After presenting a historical perspective, I then turned it over to Etola Foytek, President of the Price County Historical Society for her welcome. Tom Kaiser was up next and gave a concise overview of the project, followed by Alan Barkstrom, Chairman of the Price County Board of Supervisors and Bill Felch, Chairman, Town of Fifield, who offered their insights into the importance of the Koenig Center. Louis A. Koenig's daughter, Carol Koenig, then spoke to the importance of legacy both for her parents as well as preserving history. Dr. Craig S. Koenig, Louis' grandson offered some remarks, and then we proceeded to the ribbon cutting. Dr. Koenig cut the ribbon while Board Member Bonnie Salm joined Tom and Etola in holding the ribbon. Father Shaji offered a benediction and just like that the Louis A. Koenig Research Center was dedicated. It was very satisfying to see that over 100 people attended and spent a good part of the afternoon touring the buildings and taking time to visit. The dedication was a celebration of success! The next big job looming on the horizon was moving all our collections from storage into the new facilities.

By the first week of October we completed our move from the room loaned to us by BW Paper-systems in Phillips, and throughout the month continued to move materials from our rented room at the Price County Courthouse in Phillips. During the winter months the board will be involved in the organization of cataloging and labeling our collections and administrative documents in the various filing cabinets and shelves, developing a user's index to accessioning those items and continuing the work of digitizing photographs. Our next big project, a "way cool" venture begun this fall, is construction of the donor wall recognition signage, which is being constructed by Logger Manufacturing as part of the Tech Ed class at Phillips High School taught by Troy Makovsky. The group of students constructing the donor wall are Arlo Berens, Logan Lontcoski, Kaelyb Yasitis and Charlie Cummings. Once the donor board is completed it will hang at the Koenig Center. This project directly involves our younger residents of Price County in helping preserve the legacy of our gracious donors who made this project a success.



Greeting those touring the Koenig Center are Society President, Etola Foytek and member of the Board of Directors, Traci Dunbar.
Photo by Richard Pilch

the community, and the work by Dennis Huotari's crews, we have the building project paid for and **DONE!** Hopefully you can see why it is so important for people to consider the fate of their collections of photographs, documents, diaries, recollections, plat books, ledgers, letters and historical paper items. The Louis A. Koenig Research Center is built for the secure housing and accessioning of these items for use by historians, genealogists, scholars and students of history and interested individuals.



Carol J. Koenig, daughter of Louis A. Koenig standing by the family display located inside the Koenig Research Center.
Photo by Richard Pilch

And so with the extremely generous financial donations from Carol Koenig, our membership, friends and interested individuals, groups and organizations, along with the labor of our board, society membership and members of



After the dedication was over, many individuals took time to tour the center and enjoy some refreshments. Pictured at the front right are Dr. Craig S. Koenig grandson along with his father Stephen L. Koenig, son of Louis A. Koenig.
Photo by Tom Nicholls

AT THE OLD TOWN HALL AND GREENFIELD SCHOOL

The winter hibernation of these two flagship structures has begun as our board begins the important work of putting the displays to rest and conducting a thorough house cleaning. This was another successful season for the Society, as our attendance was healthy and our fundraisers were well attended. I would like to announce **A CAMPAIGN TO INVOLVE MORE MEMBERS TO HOST AT THE OLD TOWN HALL AND GREENFIELD SCHOOL MUSEUMS**. Have you considered serving as a host at either of these buildings? Several of our members have become more involved and have become quite comfortable with hosting in the buildings that are 129 and 117 years old—and are quite adept at welcoming visitors. However, we need to help these volunteers—we want to have many hands working with a common goal—to present these beautiful old structures to the public—the work takes on new meaning and gets done right. Experienced Board Members will be willing to co-host with beginners and provide training and support to make this an enjoyable experience.

Our opening is the first Saturday in June, and we will open on Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Labor Day. For 2024 we need to cover 14 weekends. Please consider joining the fun of volunteering for hosting at the museums next summer—the museums are cool places to hang out and it's a blast showing them to visitors!

We want to thank all the volunteers that helped keep the museums open for the summer season of 2023. We especially want to thank Carol Forward for all the time she puts in taking care of displays, keeping the Greenfield School in order and arranging for hosts. Etola Foytek for arranging for Saturday hosts and Therese and Maureen Trojak for arranging for Sunday hosts at the Old Town Hall. The following individuals hosted throughout the 2023 season and we want to say thank you to each and everyone for so freely giving your time to the Society.

Old Town Hall Museum

Sally McFadyen
Kathleen Cleven
Chuck & Holly Basting
Dan & Jeanne Patenaude
Joe Oskvarek
Eva Reilly
Traci & Jeff Dunbar
Mark & Lenore Hoffman
Len Schmidt
Barb Schneider
Etola Foytek
John & Louise Berg

Old Town Hall Museum (Continued)

Therese Trojak
Maureen Trojak
Blake Anderson
Alan & Diane Barkstrom
Marjory Brzeskiewicz
Grace Keilsmeier
Bev Brayton
Nate & Sally Nez
Karen Baumgartner
Peter Dahlie

Greenfield School

Bev Brayton
Diane & Harlon Falstad
Carol Forward
Mary Ann Gilray
Steve Gustafson
Kathy Rose
Amy Hulbert
Barb & Steve Wolf
Kathleen Cleven
Carol Merten
Kathy Sitte
Kathryn Cervenka
Lucy Ross
Etola Foytek

We would also like to thank the Retired Teachers Association for committing to host at the Greenfield School. Many of the names you see as hosts at the Greenfield School are members of that organization. The Retired Teachers Association has also committed to care taking and hosting at the Woodland (Ohrstrom) log school located at the Price County Fair Grounds. Their willingness to do this allows countless individuals to tour this 1887 example of a one room school in Price County during the Price County Antiques Association event in July and the Price County Fair is August.

FROM THE ARCHIVES: A MOMENT IN PRICE COUNTY HISTORY

Some of our photographs in the PCHS collection will be appearing on the website of the Northern Wisconsin Heritage Council. Spearheaded by Jim Bokern, at the Manitowish Waters Historical Society. The Council seeks the active participation of historical societies in Price, Oneida, Vilas, Ashland, Sawyer, Rusk counties, the George W. Brown, Jr. Ojibwe Museum and Cultural Center at Lac du Flambeau and other interested historical societies to coordinate and share research as well as promote our mutual interests in preserving the history of North Central Wisconsin. The Council's end product is the construction of a website made of an interactive map highlighting the historical societies throughout these counties, as well as pertinent cultural sites and a list of hotel and restaurant accommodations. The idea is to put our organizations on the map so to speak and provide a comprehensive body of information for those seeking to learn more as well as assist in planning a visit to see these fascinating sites. Representatives of PCHS are Etola Foytek and John Berg. John has taken on the task of organizing the abstracts for the Price County entries of historical sites. Keeping in mind that this is a work in progress, we invite you to visit the website at <https://www.nwiheritage.org>

PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE [OR, WHEN SHE SPEAKS WE LISTEN] A Word from PCHS President, Etola Foytek

The Dedication of the Louis A. Koenig Research Center on September 16, 2023 was a huge success. The large tent was filled with guests of the Koenig family and members and friends of the Historical Society. There was a slight hiccup when we didn't have a tiled floor yet on the previous Tuesday, but luckily we had very dedicated workers from Ken's Carpet; Jason Mindock and his son Evan, willingly worked late on Tuesday to complete the job. On Wednesday afternoon with the help of Etola Foytek, Peter Dahlie John Berg, Tom Kaiser Traci Dunbar, Jeff Dunbar and members of the Phillips High School Logger Basketball team we were able to move the furniture from three different locations in Phillips to the Research Center. On Thursday and Friday board members worked to get the building ready for the dedication. The donor wall is presently being designed and built by students from the Phillips High School Manufacturing Class taught by Troy Makovsky, Logger Manufacturing students Arlo Berens, Logan Lontcoski, Kaelyb Yasitis and Charlie Cummings have been meeting with board members, Peter Dahlie and Etola Foytek to discuss the design, layout and types of wood to be used. The wall will feature a variety of natural woods in various sizes engraved with donor names according to the donation level. We are excited to see the completed project.

I would like to thank BW Papersystems for allowing us the use of their large conference room for photo storage and work space to scan photographs for these many years and their generous donation of office furniture to the Research Center. I also want to thank the following businesses for their part in building the Research Center.

General Contractor—Dennis Huotari, Huotari Construction, Inc., Medford, WI
Project Superintendent—Dan Olson
Electric—Tom Miller Electric, Park Falls, WI
Plumbing Cooling, Water & Sewer—Park Falls Plumbing & Heating, Park Falls, WI
Glass—Northwoods Glass (Area Glass), Tomahawk, WI
Ceilings—IM Acoustics INC, Goodman, WI
Trusses (Structure) - WI Truss, Inc., Goodman, WI
Doors—Marling Doors & Hardware, Janesville, WI
Stone—Gagnon Clay Products, Green Bay, WI
Drywall—T.A. Drywall, Park Falls, WI
Toilet Accessories—Construction Supply, Fargo, ND
Rain Gutters—Complete Rain Gutter Service, Kennan, WI
Masonry—Butkus Masonry LLC, Owen, WI
Excavating & Landscaping—Martinovich Excavating, Fifield, WI
Flooring—Ken's Carpet, Phillips, WI
Lumber/Supplies—Ron Ernst Lumber, Inc., Fifield, WI, and Phillips Lumber & Hardware, Phillips, WI
Concrete—Todds Redi Mix, Rice Lake, WI
Additional Top Soil—Dave Zoesch Trucking, LLC, Park Falls, WI
American Engineering Testing—Chippewa Falls, WI

THE BUSINESS OF RUNNING THE SOCIETY

Lorraine (Laurie) Pilch

PCHS Secretary/Treasurer brings us up to speed on the Society Business

As you can imagine, it has been a very rewarding year to see a decades long dream become a reality. The dedication of the Louis A. Koenig Research Center is not the end of the journey, but the beginning of another era of fulfilling the mission of the Society, to preserve the past for future generations.

I usually give you an update on the administrative functions of the Society, plans for future publications of books and discussion of minutes, agendas, finances and election ballots. While all of that is important, I want to take you back in time a bit to 1959 and an article from the Prentice News section of the Phillips Bee. September 10, 1959 *"We should not wait any longer to form a historical society that will work toward preserving the history and records of Price county."* This is the feeling that many people throughout the county have expressed. Because of this interest, Vernon C. Hendrickson, of the county extension office, has been making preliminary arrangements for a public meeting of everyone interested in such an organization. A tentative date for early October is expected. Price County has a rich and interesting history. There are many people in the area who still remember this early development, and who could aid greatly in developing a historical society that would preserve these early articles, pictures, and records that would be of tremendous interest to many generations to come. Anyone who is interested might drop a card to County Agent Milo V. Johansen, who will carry on with this work after Mr. Hendrickson leaves for graduate school at the University of Wisconsin." The future meeting did indeed take place as referenced in an article in the Phillips Bee. *"A group of interested citizens of Price county met at the Normal building Wednesday, evening, Oct. 7, to learn more about the work of the state historical society and the possibilities of organizing a local unit in Price county. The moving of the log cabin school from the town of Catawba to the county fair grounds has perhaps been the stimulating event that has brought about this new interest in the development of a local historical society."* An article in the February 18, 1959 Phillips Bee further explains the role that moving the log cabin school known as the Woodland (Ohrstrom) school played in the idea of forming a historical society. *"According to Milo Johansen, county agent, it was the lack of recorded information about the school at the time it was moved from the Ohrstrom land to the county fair grounds in 1957, that caused Vernon Hendrickson and him to become historically minded. They realized how little of Price county history has been recorded and how important it is that*

a historical society be organized. Initial plans were made in 1959 which gave birth to the Price county historical society." Once the historical society was formed it became incorporated on November 27, 1959 and 11 directors elected. They were Mrs. George Anderson, Prentice, Miss Mae Nelson and Mrs. Earle Northrup, Park Falls, William Spearbreaker, Fifield, Arthur Johnson, Spirit, Elsie Liebelt, Bernard Zacharias, Milo Johansen, Arthur Beijers, Emma Walter and James Slowey, Phillips. The first officers were Miss Mae Nelson, president, Mrs. George Anderson, vice president, Emma Walter, secretary, Elsie Liebelt, treasurer and Mrs. Earle Northrup publicity chairman. Dues were set at \$1.00 per year and Milo Johansen became the membership chairman.

It is inspiring and humbling to realize that a one-room school finished in 1887, (still with us today at the Price County Fairgrounds) rooted in a deep desire of families of Swedish immigrants to educate their children, became the catalyst for the formation of the Price County Historical Society. We indeed stand on the shoulders of those that came before us. It is with that knowledge and deep gratitude that the Board of Directors of the Price County Historical Society continues our quest to do our best to preserve the history of Price County and pass that desire on to future generations to do the same.



PRICE COUNTY HISTORICAL OFFICERS—PHILLIPS (Special) - Officers of the newly formed Price County Historical Society are shown here. L-R seated are Miss Mae Nelson, Park Falls, president; Mrs. Emma Walter, Phillips, secretary; Miss Elsie Liebelt, Phillips, treasurer; standing, Milo Johansen, membership chairman; Mrs. Earl Northrup, Park Falls, publicity chairman; Mrs. George Anderson, Prentice, vice president. (Evening Telegram Photo by Mrs. James Slowey)

The Annual Meeting of the Price County Historical Society will be held virtually through Zoom on Thursday, November 2, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. **(NOTE THIS WILL BE OUR LAST PLANNED VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETING. WE PLAN ON RETURNING TO AN INPERSON MEETING FORMAT IN 2024).** If you would like to attend the meeting virtually please send your email address to Lorraine (Laurie) Pilch, Secretary/Treasurer by November 1, 2023 and you will be sent a link prior to the meeting. Send your request to: rlpilch@pctcnet.net

Whether you can attend virtually or not, you are still able to participate in the election process for members of the Board of Directors by filling out a proxy ballot (which is included with this newsletter). This is a slate of candidates as recommended by the Board of Directors. You may vote for all of the candidates or select only the candidates that you wish to vote for. You can also write in a name if you desire. A check mark placed by the name means that you vote to accept this candidate for the term indicated to serve on the Board of Directors for the Price County Historical Society. If you do not place a check mark by the candidates name it means that you are voting not to accept this candidate. Each member should vote separately and sign and date your ballot. If an organization is voting the president or vice-president of the organization should sign and date the ballot. As instructed on the Ballot, Vote for not more than four. Please check the membership list as it contains the current list of members eligible to vote.

Ballots should be mailed to: Price County Historical Society
PO Box 156
Fifield, WI 54524-0156

Ballots can also be scanned and e-mailed to efputter@pctcnet.net

All ballots must be received by November 2

AGENDA

Call the Meeting to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Memorial Acknowledgement of members deceased since last meeting:

Life Members: Marcella Braski, Dr. James Dahlie and Grace Fleming. Individual Members: Richard Ludwig and Tom Stanke

Introduction of Board Members

Approve Agenda

Secretary's Report: Minutes of November 3, 2022 (included in newsletter)

Treasurer's Report: Current Financial Report for 2023 (included in newsletter)

Committee Reports: Building and Grounds; Newsletter; Photo; Fundraisers/Events; Displays; Membership; Books; Website/Facebook; Meetings and Presentations

New Business: Election of Directors – see proxy ballots

Open Forum

Adjournment

Price County Historical Society Annual Meeting
Wednesday, November 2, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting Zoom

President Foytek called the 2022 Annual Meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Board Members Present: Etola Foytek, Peter Dahlie, Lorraine (Laurie) Pilch, Tom Kaiser, Traci Dunbar, John Berg, Sally McFadyen and Len Schmidt

Board Members Not Present: Bonnie Salm, Eric Tollefson and Steven Eitrem

Also Present: Karen Baumgartner, Grace Kielsmeier, Bev Brayton, Therese Trojak, Maureen Trojak and Jo Gibeaut

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A Moment of Silence was observed in honor of those members departed since our last Annual Meeting: Life Members: Ed Gibeaut, Barbara Selucky and Jan Ocker. Individual Members: Mary Jill Johnson

Introduction of Board of Directors: Foytek – Introduced the Board and thanked them for their many volunteer hours to the Society. Foytek thanked Therese and Maureen Trojak for scheduling hosts for Sundays at the Old Town Hall (OTH). Foytek thanked Carol Forward for her role in the upkeep of the Greenfield School (GFS) and for scheduling hosts for the school. Foytek thanked the Retired Teachers Association who have committed to hosting at the GFS along with caretaking and hosting at the Woodland (Ohrstrom) School at the Price County Fairgrounds during the Price County Antiques Association event and the Price County Fair.

Motion made to approve the Agenda. Baumgartner/Kaiser Carried.

Secretary's Report: Annual Meeting minutes of November 3, 2021 (included in newsletter and on website). Motion made to approve minutes. Berg/Dunbar Carried.

Treasurers Report: Current Financial Report as of the end of the third quarter, September 30, 2022 (included in newsletter). Income total: \$150,443.03; Expense Total: \$14,983.45. Cash on hand (checking and savings): \$302,110.39. Fundraising for the Louis A. Koenig Research Center will continue for the rest of this year and into 2023. Motion made to accept the Treasurer's report (subject to audit). Baumgartner/Gibeaut Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Buildings and Grounds: Kaiser—General Projects Completed: Inspection of all buildings and grounds. Cintas did yearly testing of all fire extinguishers and exit lights in all buildings. All buildings passed inspection. Plunkett's Pest Control maintained quarterly services for rodent control and yearly spraying of all buildings. Ted Fleming has drained water this fall and added antifreeze as needed. Old Town Hall: A couple of windows may need replacing. Electrical mast was re-secured. Old Office Building: Working with Xcel to eliminate gas line and meter. Greenfield School: Furnace inspected and is in good shape. Exterior east wall was painted. Louis A. Koenig Research Center: Groundbreaking held November 1. Numerous contractor meetings with our Board of Directors and Kaiser as Project Manager with our general contractor Dennis Huotari, Huotari Construction, Inc. The expectation is that the building will be completed in the summer of 2023. Grounds: Flowerbed under the museum sign by the OTH was removed and will be left as grass. Flag pole by OTH was painted. Bricks from recent sale are being stored at GFS and will be installed in the brick plaza in spring.

Newsletter: Berg—Reviewed the editorial and publishing process and invited individuals to contact him regarding stories they may like to submit or newsletter ideas. Beginning in 2023 Berg plans to reformat the newsletter in order to create better organization and a better flow of information throughout the newsletter.

Photographs: Dunbar—Foytek, Dunbar and Tollefson continue to meet every Tuesday to work on photographs and archives. A big project will be packing up the room and moving to the research center.

Fundraisers/Events: Foytek—The pie social and strawberry shortcake fundraisers were held and both were well attended. Special openings of the museums, with tours were conducted for the Lakeland Genealogical Society and students from the Butternut School District.

Displays: Foytek/McFadyen/Dunbar—The museums hours returned to normal and were opened full weekends in 2022. The First National Bank display was completed and additions were made to the General Store displays. Plans are to eventually change out the display on the stage in 2023.

Website/Facebook: Pilch—Updates were done as needed by Tollefson and Bill Nemecek of Minding Your Business. The facebook site continues to be managed by Steven Eitrem. These sites along with other community facebook sites and both the Phillips and Park Falls Chambers of Commerce are used to promote PCHS and their events

Books: Pilch—Books are sold through our website, gift shop at the OTH, Johnson's Hardware Store, CSA Gallery and Gifts, and the Park Falls and Phillips Chambers. Books republished or published this year were: Thanks to the efforts of Dale Houdek, Chairman of the Town of Emery, Jeanne Kirchmeyer and Violet Dunbar, Members of the Town of Emery Centennial Committee and the entire Town Board of Emery, the copyright to the Emery Centennial 1889-1989 book was transferred to the Price County Historical Society and republished. Thank you to Kathy Cervenka for her donation of 25 Books from *Babi's Kitchen Collected Recipes & Stories of the Frantisek and Josephine Machovec Family*, with proceeds to go to building the research center. Also republished was *A Pictorial History of Park Falls, Fifield and Butternut*. Purchased to sell: *Hicks' Landing 40th Anniversary Collection of Fine Recipes Vol 1 Edition II* as republished by Connie G. Hicks as a 70th Anniversary Commemorative marking the Anniversary of Hicks' Landing (all profits from the sale are earmarked for the preservation of history). *Finding Dairyland: In Search of Wisconsin's Vanishing Heritage* by Scott Wittman, two books by author Scott Schmidt, *Lines from Upstream Volume I and II*, and *The Art of Fred Smith*. The Society is presently working on obtaining the copyright for the *Phillips Centennial Book, with plans to republish that along with F.W. Sackett's A Glimpse at the Early History of the State of Wisconsin Relating to Price County*, with an addendum first person account by John E. Herron *The Early Days of Phillips*.

New Business: Election of Directors for three year terms 01-01-2023-12-31-2025: Foytek – Terms for Berg, Dahlie and Tollefson are expiring. All have agreed to serve another three year term. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the Board that this slate be elected as described above. Foytek called three times for nominations from the floor. Motion made by Schmidt, second by Kaiser to close nominations and to cast a unanimous ballot for the slate of directors as presented by the Board. Motion Carried. In addition 34 proxy ballots were received with the following results: Berg=34 votes; Dahlie=33 votes; Tollefson=34 votes; other=0 votes.

Open Forum: Therese Trojak inquired if we were going to publish any of the other towns' centennial books. PCHS indicated that they would be open to that if a good copy of the book can be obtained and the copyright transferred to PCHS. Brayton gave updates on the activities of the Jump River Valley Historical Society. Baumgartner gave updates on the activities of the Spirit Historical Society and the Price County Genealogical Society. Foytek gave updates on the Friends of Fred Smith. Berg discussed his networking with the Upper Flambeau Watershed group, and our membership in the newly formed group Northern Wisconsin Heritage Council, a new group formed to promote and market the history and sites of northern Wisconsin.

Adjournment: President Foytek adjourned the meeting at 9:18 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Lorraine (Laurie) Pilch, Secretary/Treasurer
Member, Board of Directors
Price County Historical Society

UNLESS YOU ARE A LIFE MEMBER, MEMBERSHIPS ARE DUE IN JANUARY. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CALL (715) 339-2481 OR EMAIL rlpilch@pctcnet.net LORRAINE (LAURIE) PILCH, MEMBERSHIP COORD.

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS
PRICE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL AND NEW MEMBER FORM

NAME: _____
NEW _____ RENEWAL _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES: PLEASE CHECK YOUR SELECTION:

INDIVIDUAL MEMBER.....\$10.00 _____
BRONZE MEMBER.....\$25.00 _____
SILVER MEMBER.....\$50.00 _____
GOLD MEMBER.....\$100.00 _____
LIFE MEMBER.....\$500.00 _____

Please write check to PRICE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY (designate MEMBERSHIP YEAR or YEARS as you may pay for multiple years if you choose on your check and on this form.) I am paying for the year(s) of _____. A membership term runs from January 1 through December 31.

Mail it with this form to: Price County Historical Society, Membership
P. O. Box 156
Fifield, WI 54524

CREDIT CARD PAYMENT: You may also pay by credit card online at our website: www.pricecountyhistoricalsociety.org Click on the Membership section and follow the instructions.

- () Check box if you want newsletter sent to the address on the membership form.
- () Check box if we may send you your newsletter by e-mail to help save paper and postage.
- () Check box if you would like an e-mail reminder of special events.
- () Check box if you would like to volunteer. We will contact you.

All membership money automatically goes into our regular fund for general upkeep of our four buildings, utilities, insurance, and printing and sending our newsletters.

Your yearly membership entitles you to receive newsletters and a voice at the annual meeting.

Donations in addition to membership are always urgently needed and greatly appreciated.

Thank you so much for your prompt payment and helping to preserve history for future generations.

ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING: A virtual Zoom Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 2 at 7:00 p.m. Please read the instructions on the enclosed Agenda page to receive a link to the meeting; along with directions for casting your proxy ballot. Your proxy ballot is enclosed as a separate insert within the newsletter. Check the membership list to determine your eligibility to vote.

THE CAMPAIGN TO PRESERVE PRICE COUNTY'S HISTORY CONTINUES!

During the past year we have received several artifacts, documents and photographs either by personal delivery or via mail. If you are cleaning out your collections, closets, attics or garages **PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING ANY PHOTOGRAPHS, PLAT BOOKS, MAPS, FAMILY HISTORIES, DOCUMENTS, LEDGERS, DIARIES, TO THE PRICE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY!** We at the Society understand if you have historic photographs, documents and plat books and the like and you want to keep them. Please consider allowing the PCHS staff to digitally scan the item(s) and then accession the scanned copy into the PCHS archives with permission to publish. We will accession the item in your name (or designated name) as part of the collection of the PCHS archives. By doing this, an image of your item is preserved and becomes available for research and use by PCHS staff as well as other historians or people conducting historical research. The Louis A. Koenig Research Center is the secure housing and accessioning of these items for use by historians, genealogists, scholars and students of history and interested individuals.

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