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FRANKENMUTH HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION'S FY 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

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The Frankenmuth Historical Association is a non-profit, 501(c)3, historical museum that focuses on the history of Frankenmuth and her three sister colonies – Frankentrost, Frankenlust, and Frankenhilf (Richville). Our mission is to "Preserve, Communicate, and Celebrate" these communities and to promote a greater love for history to our visitors.

Founded in 1963, we have since grown to become an eleven gallery museum, covering 1845-today, with the last gallery to offer temporary exhibits, covering a wide array of subjects that in the past have included Laura Ingalls Wilder, Detroit Baseball, Martin Luther, Christmas Traditions, and Frankenmuth Festivals.

Beyond hosting a museum, we also safeguard and preserve over 32,000 artifacts, host thousands of students and adults per year in education programming, lectures, a podcast, and tours, and offer a rental venue in a historic 1890s theatre for local celebrations and performances.

Our funding comes from a variety of sources. Donations, a county millage, federal and local grants, endowment funds, fundraising, membership support, and rental and admission sales are the main sources that allow us to keep our doors open to the public each day.



Board of Trustees: President: Christie Bierlein Vice President: Jim Engel Secretary: Jerry Kabat Treasurer: Tricia Peyok Jasmine Southgate Matt Curtis Margaret Johnston Teresa Herzog

Staff:

Executive Director: Heidi Chapman Collections Manager: Malcolm Cottle Events, Education, and Exhibits: Nathan Seeley Gift Shop Manager & Fischer Hall Coordinator: Jenna Swanson Research Assistants: Chad Hitchcock*, Garrett Lewis Maintenance Staff: Ron Greenia*, Ben Robertson Gift Shop Staff: Vicki McClure, Larry Bernthal, Landen Hill, Emma Latkovic, Ethan Baumgardner*

*We bid a fond farewell to staff members who have moved on to new positions!

FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR



Welcome to the Frankenmuth Historical Association's 2023 Annual Meeting! We are excited to have you "at home" in our own Fischer Hall for this event. Tonight's presenter is the Frankenmuth Civic Events Council, the group who is responsible for putting on Frankenmuth's Bavarian Festival each June and has done a wonderful job of bringing the festival back to

its roots. Personally, the Bavarian Fest is my favorite Frankenmuth Festival and I look forward to its bright future!

When 2022 comes to mind, I think: BUSY! New offerings and programs were unveiled in the first half of the year which included the Frankenmuth Historic Walking Tour, the Historians in Lederhosen Podcast, and the Frankenmuth Historic Coloring Book, paired with the fundraising kickoff for our exhibit expansion which has included grant writing, private donors, and co-hosting the Frankenmuth Community Foundation's Legacy Ball. On the maintenance side, the Fischer Hall exterior was repainted along with modernizing the Hall's kitchen with funds generously provided by the Frankenmuth Jaycees. We accomplished all of this AND kept the budget in check thanks to record breaking numbers in Fischer Hall rentals and students passing through our doors for educational programs! If that's not enough, we increased our admission numbers, brought 445 new artifacts into our collection, and had another hugely successful Annual Auction. We did all of this with a limited staff for a portion of the year due to my maternity leave and another staff member's back surgery. Needless to say, it was a whirlwind of a year!

The FHA's future is a bright one! Our exhibit expansion is in full swing and will continue with Phase II into 2024, making the FHA an all new, fun, interactive, and accessible museum in the next year. Beyond the renovations, we have big plans for books, fundraisers, events, exhibits, and more! The list is never ending, but I am thrilled to see where the FHA will be in only a few short years.

Thank you for being a part of the fun over the past year. The Board of Trustees and our staff appreciate all of you and we will continue to do our best to provide quality programs, exhibits, research, and artifact preservation to "Preserve, Communicate, and Celebrate" Frankenmuth's history in the best possible way.

Heidi Chapman

Director

FINANCIALS

<u>Current Assets</u>		2022 202		
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$	582,668	\$	316,553
Accounts Receivable		15,615		12,739
Gift Shop Inventory		<u>. 18,829</u>		<u>29,605</u>
Total Current Assets		642,112		358,897
<u>Non-Current Assets</u>				
Property & Equipment - Net		643,489		666,991
Beneficial Interest in Assets Held by	Others	224,806		
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Total Non-Current Assets		<u>868,295</u>		<u>947,649</u>
<u>Total Assets</u>	<u>1,</u>	<u>510,407</u>	\$ 1.3	<u>806,546</u>
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<u>Liabilities & Net Assets</u>				
Current Liabilities	\$	5,080	\$	13,745
Accounts Payable	Ψ	5,914	Ŧ	5,234
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Total Current Liabilities		<u>10,994</u>		<u>18,979</u>
		<u>10,00+</u>		
<u>Net Assets</u>				
Without Donor Restrictions		1,433,573		<u>1,287,567</u>
		<u>65,840</u>	-	
With Donor Restrictions		<u>03,040</u>		
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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Support, Revenue, & Gains	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022 Total	2021 Total
Membership Dues	\$ 2,710	\$ -		\$ 3,329
Admissions	48,021	÷ –	48,021	47,184
Gifts & Grants	162,312	55,000	217,312	
County Millage	50,759		50,759	50,956
Gift Shop - <i>net cost of sales</i>	00,,00		30,733	30,330
of \$35,052	2,564	-	2,564	26,279
Special Events	68,859	58,138	126,997	77,200
Educational Programs	2,764		2,764	2,456
Endowment Funds &	_,,		2,704	2,70
Interest Income	78,915	-	78,915	72,436
Fischer Hall Rent	22,659	-	22,659	16,852
Gain on Sale	133,827	-	133,827	3,695
Changes in Market Value	100,027		100,027	3,095
of Beneficial Interest	(45,275)	-	(45,275)	26,893
PPP Loan Forgivness	(10,270)		(43,273)	20,893 38,675
Miscellaneous	4,210	-	4,210	3,894
Net Assets Related from	-,210		4,210	3,094
Restrictions	47,298	(47,298)	-	-
<u>Total Support,</u>				
<u>Revenue, & Gains</u>	F70 C00			
· · · · ·	579,623	65,840	645,463	449,534
Expenses				
Program Services	\$ 237,636	¢	¢ 007 000	t 007 01 0
Management & General	• •	\$-	• •	
Fundraising	65,729	_	65,729	55,137
Museum Gift Shop	67,194	-	67,194	
	63,058	-	63,058	65,175
Total Expenses	<u>433,617</u>	_	100 617	152 677
	<u>+00,017</u>		<u>433,617</u>	<u>452,677</u>
Change in Net Assets	146,000	65,840	211,846	(3,143)
Net Assets - Beginning of				
Year	1,287,567	-	1,287,567	1,290,710
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<u>Net Assets - End of Year</u>	<u>1,433,573</u>	<u>65,840</u>	<u>1,499,413</u>	<u>1,287,567</u>

FHA staff worked diligently to make the Museum a more accessible, interactive, and fun space to learn about our community's history. We are pleased to report that the FHA set record numbers in terms of educational programming, and are excited to build on our momentum in 2023.

In 2022, events and educational programming raised \$4,084 and reached a record-high 2,885 people. While our revenue was down 33% compared to 2021, programming numbers were up 161%, having served 1,792 more people in 2022. These numbers are partly a reflection of a chance in mindset: to offer more affordable programming, free outreach programs, and creating free content that visitors can access virtually.

Our Historic Walking Tour, Historic Coloring Books, and our podcast, "Historians in Lederhosen," helped the FHA reach record-setting numbers. We also refreshed and installed new exhibits, including exhibits on the Cold War, Music in Frankenmuth, Christmas Traditions Around the World, and curated a travelling exhibit on Vintage Base Ball. Our 2nd Annual Pioneer Fest at Cross Park grew this past year, and we hope to implement more Living History programs in the near future.

Our success would not be possible without community support, volunteers, or assistance from our interns. In 2022, we welcomed 3 interns into the fold. Garrett, Hannah, and Sonja created new educational programs, co-hosted our podcast, and catalogued artifacts. Their time at the FHA has proved fruitful for all involved, and we hope their experiences here will help them as future museum professionals and educators.

Speaking of professional development, the FHA received grants from the Michigan Arts and Culture Council to attend conferences for museum professionals. Malcolm and Nathan visited Boston for the American Alliance of Museums national conference, and Malcolm and Chad attended the Michigan Museums Association conference on Mackinac Island.

FHA staff dedicated countless hours toward the planning of our museum renovation, which has

already kicked off. In 2022, we raised \$143,134 by partnering with the Frankenmuth Community Foundation for their annual Legacy Ball, and through grants from the Michigan Arts and Culture Council, the Frankenmuth Community Foundation, the Saginaw Community Foundation, and the Duane & Dorothy Bierlein Foundation. These funds will significantly improve our museum, and we thank these foundations and grantors for their support.

2022 was a smashing success in many ways! If you'd like to keep up to date on all things FHA-related, please follow us on social media!





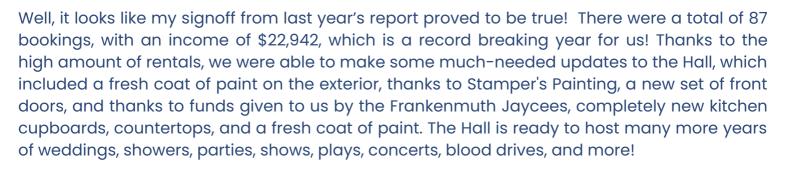




Theodore Fischer came from Germany in 1876 and established himself by building the fourth hotel in Frankenmuth, located at present-day Bavarian Inn Restaurant. In 1894 Fischer added a hall to the premises for guests and entertainers to perform and as a meeting place for Frankenmuth residents. He painted the Masonic slogan "Einigkeit Macht Stark" (Strength Through Unity) on the arch over the hall's stage. Today, Fischer Hall continues to serve its original purpose of hosting local events, weddings, performances, and small gatherings.

FISCHER HALL

JENNA SWANSON



If you have an event coming up and need a space for it, consider Fischer Hall! Your Museum Membership offers a discounted rental and a discounted extra day for setting up or cleaning, pending availability, a membership perk that will no-doubt ease the stress of putting on an event!

Fischer Hall boasts a wonderful sound system with Blu-Ray and HDMI connectivity, an overhead projector and a large screen, so the space is ideal for meetings that require presentation facilities. It's great for "movie night" parties too! Chairs, tables, a coffee urn, and small kitchen comes with the rental, ready to make your event a success!

I'll say this again in hopes that it comes true again - here's to 2023 being the best year for Fischer Hall yet!



2022 was another busy year for the collections department! We conducted research, expanded our artifact storage areas, earned some grants, attended conferences, and laid the ground work for the exhibit expansion project in 2023.

To start with some numbers, we received a large number of artifact donations: 445 artifacts from 32 donors. We are so fortunate to have so many community members helping to preserve our history. Additionally, we received 36 research requests. Of those 36, 8 were genealogy researchers and 28 were history researchers such as students or authors.

We are very fortunate to have volunteers that help us preserve the collection and conduct research. Volunteers clocked 302 hours of service in 2022. We are always looking for new volunteers that have an interest in joining our team to help preserve, communicate, and celebrate Franconian history!

In 2022, we prioritized improvements to our artifact storage areas. We conducted an extensive inventory of all our storage areas and made significant storage unit upgrades. This was made possible by a \$5,000 grant from MI Humanities.

Thanks to scholarships and grants, staff attended the American Alliance of Museums and Michigan Museums Association annual conferences in Boston and Mackinac Island, respectively. We came away with a lot of ideas and inspiration to continue improving our methods for the care of our artifacts.

A lot of groundwork was laid in 2022 for the upcoming Exhibit Renovation Project. Collections staff produced high volumes of research and information on the collection to ameliorate the development of the exhibit renovations. We have a lot of work ahead of us in 2023, but we love ambitious projects! No matter the challenge, history is worth preserving.

MALCOLM COTTLE

COLLECTIONS

2022 was a year of exciting changes in the gift shop! As a precursor to our museum expansion project, a wall was put up for a new temporary exhibit space, essentially cutting the Gift Shop in half. As I was still transitioning into my new role of Gift Shop Manager, I also had to recreate the entire layout of the store, as less space meant less merchandise, but also a higher quality of items and goods to sell. While that was a difficult few days of reorganizing, starting over and reorganizing again, it paid off when guests would come in and say "Wow, you've really changed things around in here!" They seemed to be pleased with the new look, as well as the new products.

Another new feature in our Gift Shop is a maple tree trunk, dedicated to our friend of the museum, Greg Rummel, by his friends from his MSU days. It features a tree spile with a collection bucket, featuring Greg's Rummelwald syrup label, and bookshelves, featuring books related to Frankenmuth and Michigan history. I had custom bookends made, depicting the Michigan State "S" and the Spartan head. Lastly, a bottle of Rummelwald syrup is proudly displayed, along with a memorial plaque. We are honored to have this piece decided to Greg in our store.

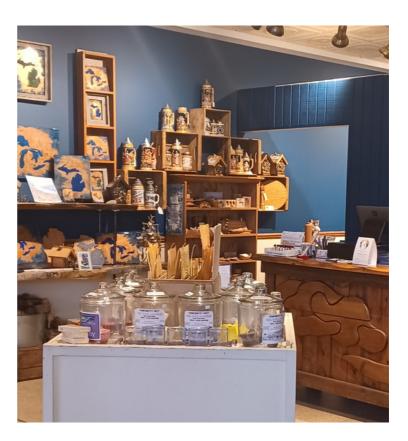
2022 allowed us 10,369 admissions to be sold with a nearly 20,000 people walking through (number difference due to family admission passes we sell)! We are planning, despite the renovation project, to reach an even higher number next year!

As always, none of this would be possible without the assistance of our workers, Larry Bernthal, Emma Latkovic, Landen Hill, and Vicki McClure, as well as our dedicated volunteer, Chris Budnik. As we turn to 2023, be sure to stop into the store to see all the exciting changes and to take advantage of your Members Only discount! Our retail space will continue to transform and we hope you'll like the design updates and variety of items for sale.

GIFT SHOP







ENDOWMENT MEMBERS

Harry Zells & Mary Anne Ackerman Patricia Arvilla Ervin & Marilyn Banes Harold Bernthal James & Sharon Bickel Steve & Connie Bierlein Irene Bronner Wayne & Lorene Bronner Lowell & Moody Butman **Bonnie Campbell** Kim & Sue Cederberg Morrall & Nancy Claramunt **Dal Crary** Matt & Abby Curtis Tony & Geri D'Anna Marjorie Deck **Kurt Eischer** Lois Eischer Ila Ezop Ann Frank Frankenmuth Credit Union Frankenmuth Insurance Frankenmuth News **Betty Goyings** Teresa Herzog **Ron Hildner** David Honold Kay Sue Johanson John & Martha Zehnder Kaczynski Don & Judy Keller Frank & Loretta Kern Harvey Kern **Gladys Knoll Ruth Knoll** Leone Koester **Eleanor Krafft Dorothy Kuck** Phil List

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Sincerest condolences for those members who have passed during 2022.

LIFETIME MEMBERS

Lois Bergdolt Larry & Bernadette Bernthal Marilyn Bernthal Mary K. Bernthal Tim & Sheri Bernthal Carol & Lyle Beyerlein Sue & Dennis Bierlein Ken & Sharon Block Ken Boesnecker Dan & Deborah Boyse **Dorothy Brenner Dietrich Bronner Garrett Bronner** Randy Bronner **Ron & Anne Bronner** David & Christine Budnik **Eleanor Chall** Tom & Judie Conzelmann Tom & Brenda Coughlin Jack Craemer John & Celeste Craemer Marie Creger Addie Eckert Rev. Joel & Miriam Ehlert **Michael Galsterer Michael Galsterer Charlotte Gilmour** Mike & Amy Grossi Dan Haubenstricker Ralph & Irene Haubenstricker Scott & Mara Hetzner

James & Gale Howe Ron Huber Dennis & Sue Isken Edie Judd Mary Lou Mahlmeister Pat Meyer **Alvin Ortner** Melissa Rau Ray Rau **Wayne Reif** Dee & John Ruggirello Stephanie Rummel Willy & Annie Rummel Gary & Barbara Rupprecht Linda Schlageter Helga Schluckebier Vickie & Jeff Schmitzer John & Martha Shelton **Robert Stearns Doris Stoner** Glen & Susan Traubenkraut Loraine Veitengruber Louie Weiss David & Alice Wigley Linda Metzger Woodle Lois Wylie Albert Zehnder L. Susan Zehnder

Ross & Linda Howard

W. Don & Rosemary Zehnder Herb Zeilinger

Sincerest condolences for those members who have passed within the last year.

FAMILY MEMBERS

Harold & Esther Bergdolt Hugh & Michele Bernreuter Adam & Christie Bierlein Jennifer & Jerry Blehm Charles & Anne Graham Maynard & Dora Haubenstricker Larrv & Martha Huber Dale & Theresa Jammer Mark & Margaret Johnston Steve & Maria Luhring David & Lori Pendleton Gary & Patricia Pickelmann Frank & Sandy Piesko Ryan & Amanda Reif Michael & Jasmine Southgate Jon & Anne Webb Kris & Monica Worley

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Sincerest condolences for those members who have passed during 2022. Memberships listed renewable annually and can be updated for 2023 by contacting the FHA at (989) 652-9701 ext. 1.

MEET THE VOLUNTEERS & INTERNS

Event Volunteers

Rachael Ramirez Ashley Hopp Nicola Danks Joelle Abke Katie Snell Vickie DeGrace Garrett Lewis Faith Breinager Hannah Solomon Cougar Clark Maggie Carideo Ben Cleveland John Cariedo Grant Conger Cathy Schuknecht Joey Furbush Wayne Cormier Louella Grablick Jody Cormier Sarah Hauck Amanda Weiss Mylie Jacob Samantha Seeley Alex Loest Hannah Schafer Meadow Polzin Jon Webb **Allison Reinert** Anne Webb Ella Rowden Kristi Krafft Bellsky Amelia Schmitt Dave Bellsky Cate Scott Bethany Burnett Swathi Thiyagarajan Danielle Daugharty Haley Watchorn John Daugharty

<u>Maintenance,</u> <u>Improvement, &</u> <u>Decoration Volunteers</u>

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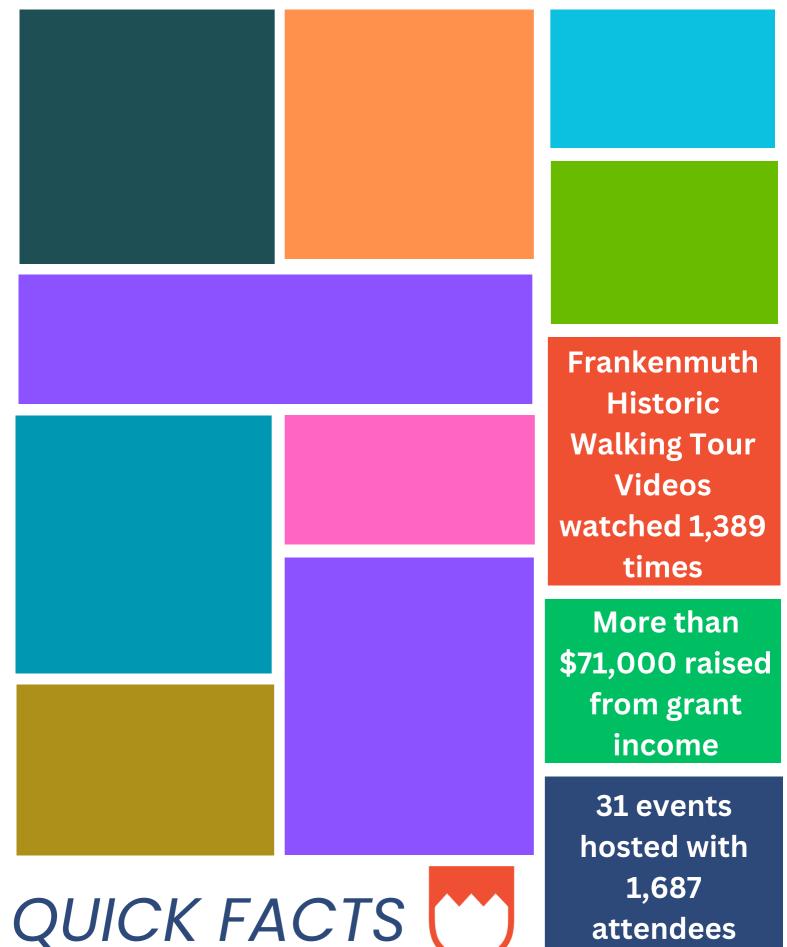
Office & Gift Shop Volunteers

Mary Nuechterlein Christine Budnik Garrett Lewis Sonja Friese Hannah Schafer

Exhibit Expansion Committee

Peggy Reinhardt Charlie Graham Gary Rupprecht Beth Bernthal Reindel Scott Wenzel Larry Bernthal Herb Zeilinger Teresa Herzog Jerry Kabat

The Frankenmuth Historical Museum is always looking for more volunteers! Whether it's a one time event or you'd like to donate your time weekly, we'd love to have you! Positions available include Gift Shop, artifact cataloging, landscaping, fundraising aid, and even exhibit designing! Give the FHA a call if interested! The mission of the Frankenmuth Historical Association is to preserve, communicate, and celebrate the heritage of the Franconian communities and to promote a greater appreciation for local, regional, national, and world history among the residents of and visitors to Frankenmuth.



The Frankenmuth Historical Association is proud to be affiliated with and supported by these organizations:



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Annual Meeting Minutes from April 17, 2019

Board President, Adele Martin, called the meeting to order at 7:35pm. She welcomed everyone to the 55th annual meeting of the Frankenmuth Historical Association, noting there were 76 people in attendance. Adele recounted the history of the FHA which began in 1963 and introduced the board members in attendance.

Cheryl Beythan's term limit was up and there was a need to elect one new member to the board of trustees. Ron Schury was nominated to serve. Additional nominations from the floor were requested; hearing none there was a motion to close nominations. <u>Support. Motion Carried.</u>

Motion to elect Ron Schury to the FHA board of trustees. Support. Motion Carried.

Motion to re-elect the slate of officers was made: Adele Martin-President , Travis Dafoe-Vice President, Christie Bierlein-Secretary, Trisha Peyok- Treasurer, Patrick Burris, Martha Zehnder Kaczynski, Ron Schury, Jasmine Southgate, Karen Uebler. <u>Support. Motion Carried.</u>

Motion to approve the minutes from the April 3, 2018 annual meeting. Support. Motion Carried.

Tricia Peyok presented a summary of the financial statements for the fiscal year 2018. FHA worked closely with Zehnder & Associates throughout the year on all financial activities. An outside independent auditor, Yeo & Yeo conducted a full audit of the FHA's finances. FHA was given a Clean Opinion. Financial Information will be placed on file for audit. Motion to approve the financial report. <u>Support. Motion Carried.</u>

Adele introduced the FHA Director, Heidi Chapman, to give the state of the museum report. Heidi thanked and introduced the FHA staff for their hard work in a year with a lot of change at the FHA. She thanked everyone in attendance for making the FHA a priority and attending the annual meeting.

The Volunteer of the Year award went to Nicola Danks. She was presented with a commemorative plaque and gave a short acceptance speech.

Heidi thanked Cheryl Beythan for her 6 years of service on the board and presented her with a commemorative plaque.

Everyone received a survey in their annual report booklet and Heidi asked that they please complete those and leave them at the tables so the staff can collect them. She thanked everyone again for their support of the FHA.

Adele thanked the staff of Zehnder's for preparing such a wonderful meal and the fantastic service. On behalf of the entire board of trustees, she thanked everyone for attending and asked for a motion to adjourn the business meeting portion of the evening. Motion to adjourn the business portion of the meeting was made at 7:58 pm. <u>Support. Motion Carried</u>.

Adele introduced Jeff Still, Historian from Frankenmuth's American Legion Post 150, to present the history of the post as our annual meeting sponsor. He asked the room to stand and everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Founded in May of 1919 as the 112th post in the United States, American Legion Post 150 is celebrating their 100th Anniversary and play an active role in our community. Upon completion of Jeff's slide presentation, Adele returned to the podium to thank Jeff and all of the American Legion members and service members and their families.

The evening ended with the singing of God Bless America led by Veronica Fisher of American Legion Post 150.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christie Bierlein Secretary



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