

# **Friends of Paplin, Inc.**

## **Meeting Minutes**

**May 18, 2025, 12:30 p.m.**

### **Opening**

The meeting of the Friends of Paplin, Inc. was called to order at 12:31 p.m. with a prayer on May 18, 2025, at the Polish Heritage Center in Ashton, Nebraska, by President Mike Gappa.

### **Present**

Those present were Mike Gappa, Stacie Gappa, Mike Ference, Terrin Jonak, Joe Jonak, Diane Jonak, Diane Chelewski, Renee Jonak, and Rose Kowalski.

### **Approval of Minutes**

A copy of the minutes from the monthly meeting on March 9, 2025, was distributed. Diane Jonak made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted, seconded by Mike Gappa. Motion carried.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The May balance for the checking account is \$7,347.55. The savings account balance is \$36,923.17. April bills were \$559.45 for propane and \$67.32 for electricity. Mike Ference made a motion to accept the treasurer's report seconded by Diane Jonak. Motion carried.

### **Old Business**

The T-shirts are still being printed.

### **New Business**

Palm Sunday proceeds: Meal donations: \$3,327; Calendar sales: \$30; Raffle: \$364; Magnets: \$44; P. quilts: \$35; Silent auction: \$1,948; Donation: \$1,300. TOTAL PROCEEDS: \$6,969.

Palm Sunday expenses: Raffle payout: \$175; Fruit: 99.15; Ord Quiz ad: \$122.40; St. Paul Herald ad: \$60. TOTAL EXPENSES: \$456.55.

PROCEEDS – EXPENSES = NET OF **\$6512.45**

The updating of the By-Laws was discussed. Rose had a draft of an update. Since the addition of two board members would give us an even number of board members, it was suggested that another board member be added to bring the total number of board members to 13 in the event we need a tiebreaker. It was further suggested that Renee Jonak be that 13<sup>th</sup> member because of her dedication to the Friends of Paplin. Because we need to vote and pass a by-law at the annual meeting, the vote on this matter will be tabled until the October meeting.

The upcoming July event at Paplin was then discussed. Diane Jonak suggested we purchase an item from the Amish for the raffle. She showed us several outdoor furniture items they have, and it was decided to go with the Amish glider. She will proceed with the purchase of this item.

Mike Gappa will investigate the purchase of a Henry Rifle as an additional item for our raffle. Diane Chelewski will purchase the raffle tickets. As soon as the items are purchased, Rose will get them posted on the Web site.

Rose mentioned a brick fund-raising idea given to her by Donna Gappa. This was tabled until we are ready for a remodeling project at the church property. Many mentioned it would be a great idea.

Mike mentioned that he had spoken to Kuszak's about working on our project at Paplin. They were interested. He will speak to others as he has time.

Diane mentioned that Sharon Klanecky is a new lifetime member. Rose mentioned that Sharon has donated a lap quilt for the July event.

### **Open Discussion/Additional Comments**

None

### **Adjournment**

Stacie Gappa made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mike Ference. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m. with a prayer by Mike Gappa. The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, June 22, 2025, at 1 p.m. in Ashton at the Polish Heritage Center.

Minutes submitted by: Rose A. Kowalski