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Pancake Breakfast 8 am-11 am Timber Hall, February 4

Saint Urho's Day March 16





Saint Patrick's Day March 17

Embarrass Town Board Meeting and Wednesday, March 8, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.

Please submit materials for the April 2023 issue to the Embarrass Clerk's Office by March 23, 2023

MARCH 2023

			Bookmobile at Four Corners 5:00-6:00 p.m.	Conversational Finn 1-3 p.m.	3	4 Pancake Breakfast Timber Hall 8-11	
5 4 Corners 4-H 4 p.m.	Flower and Garden Club Mtg	7 Ladies Coffee	8 Township Board 6:00 p.m. ERFA Strategic Planning Committee Meeting 6 p.m. Timber Hall	9 Conversational Finn 1-3 p.m.	10	11	
12	13	14 Ladies Coffee Township Annual Meeting 7 p.m.	Bookmobile at Four Corners 5:00-6:00 p.m.	16 Conversational Finn 1-3 p.m. ERFA Meeting 6:30 p.m. Timber Hall	17	18	
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FROM THE EDITOR: The Flying Finn strives to represent both Embarrass and the surrounding area. To submit articles, advertisements, community notices, letters to the editor, photos, artwork, etc. for the newsletter, mail them to Embarrass Town Hall, 7503 Levander Rd, Embarrass, MN 55732, or e-mail them to embarrasstownship@frontiernet.net. Please include your name, phone number and e-mail address. Photos or other materials will be returned as soon as possible. The township regrets that it is unable to purchase or reimburse for materials which are published. The Town of Embarrass reserves the right to publish or not publish any letter to the editor or other submitted material. Call 218-984-2084 with any questions. ***** Thank you. Diane Nelmark, Editor

Town of Embarrass

Regular Board Meeting

February 8, 2023 PENDING BOARD APPROVAL

Visitors: Bill Wright, Roxanne Wright, Mickey White, Adam Sperling

Present: Jack LaMar, Alyssa Hammond, Shireen Lee, Jennifer Boese

Meeting called to order by LaMar with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:02 p.m.

January 2023 minutes approved after few amendments, spelling error and motion missed in the minutes *Board meetings to remain on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Motion/LaMar: Second/Hammond. Carried 3-0. January 2023 minutes approved as amended. Motion/Lamar: Second/Lee. Carried 3-0.*

Public: Question on why maintenance is plowing school parking lot and Pyhala parking lot. Motion was made in January of 2021 on school parking lot. * Note previous motion 1-13-21 (Motion/Worsham: Second/Mettler to continue to plow half of the parking lot between the two ball fields. Carried 3-0.) LaMar explained he told maintenance to plow the Pyhala parking lot because it is being used by public to get access to the trail. Question was asked on the maintenance hour report log, which accounts for hours spent at which township property. Hammond asks a few questions on past records and will talk with maintenance.

Embarrass Board is being asked to be a fiscal agent for the Embarrass Fair Board for grant purposes. Motion/LaMar: Second/Hammond to be a fiscal agent for the Embarrass Fair Board. Carried 3-0. Motion/LaMar: Second/Lee to have clerk communicate with MATTS about finding the appropriate account for funds to be placed as fiscal agent, then to create the account. Carried 3-0.

Special election update. Email from MATTS attorney was read on holding special election. The board is no longer looking to hold a special election, Lee is willing to withhold the duties of the board supervisor seat until the next election.

2023 Levy Discussion held. LaMar explains he has requested several reports from Clerk and while working his way through the reports he has broken the funds and accounts down. LaMar, clerk and treasurer will be working together to recode on some of the account numbers that come out of the general fund on the CTAS program (MN State Auditors Small City and Town Accounting System) Going through the account numbers and applying different accounts numbers or activating different accounts numbers in the program will make it easier to breakdown on funds and to create an annual budget, explains LaMar. Clerk thanks LaMar for the many hours he has spent on the 2024 levy preparation, going through many requested reports, and for wanting to work together on the CTAS program and budget report. Motion/LaMar: Second/Hammond to accept the cash control. Carried 3-0. Several hours of discussion and reviewing reports was had on the 2024 Levy proposal. Motion/LaMar:Second/Hammond to accept proposed 2024 levy of \$183,650. Carried 3-0.

FUNDS

- General \$123,150
- Road & Bridge \$5,000
- Fire \$28,000
- Town Hall \$10,000
- Recreation \$4,000
- PERA \$5,000
- Cemetery \$1,500
- Group Insurance \$0
- Historic Property \$2,000
- General Capitol \$5,000

Motion/LaMar: Second/Lee to transfer \$292.76 from the Historic Property Fund and put into the Local Grant Fund. Carried 3-0.

Motion/LaMar: Second/Hammond to approve the claims and correspondence. Carried 3-0.

LaMar adjourns meeting at 11:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Jennifer Boese

2024 Proposed Levy

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FUND	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
100 General	87,000	93,000	96,500	106,000	123,150
225 Road & Bridg	ge 2,500	8,500	6,000	6,000	5,000
226 Fire	28,000	29,000	28,000	28,000	28,000
227 Town Hall	5,000	8,000	8,000	9,000	10,000
230 Recreation	5,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
231 PERA	4,300	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
232 Cemetery	0	0	0	2,000	1,500
233 Insurance	9,500	9,500	9,500	9,000	0
401 Capital	0	5,000	7,000	7,000	5,000
260 Historic Prop	6,000	4,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
TOTAL Levy	153,000	166,000	166,000	178,000	183,650

3.17% Increase from 2023 Levy to the 2024 Proposed Levy

The Embarrass Town Board put a lot of time going through the financial reports and accounts to put this levy together. Every fund was gone through in detail to come up with the most accurate proposal and budget for 2024.



Attention residents of Embarrass Township:

In January I was appointed as Township Supervisor (seat 2 position). Part of my responsibilities, as your public servant, are road maintenance of our limited (but mighty) township roads. I will be out monitoring our



roadways periodically but I want residents to know how to get ahold of me with road maintenance issues in between my spot checking of them as well as any other township questions, concerns or compliments you might have. My contact information is phone (text & voice capable) 218-780-4945, e-mail Lee4Embarrass@gmail.com or snail mail to town hall 7503 Levander Road, Embarrass MN 55732.

Reminder our public Township Meetings are held at 6 pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Town Hall. We welcome your input and participation. Hope to see you there soon.

Submitted by, Embarrass Town Board Member Shireen Lee

January Clerks Corner

The Annual Meeting will be held March 14 at 7:00 p.m. at the Embarrass Town Hall. Residents will vote on the 2024 Levy along with hearing updates from local organizations and discuss other township business. The Embarrass Town Board worked hard reviewing reports and putting the proposed levy together. You will find in this issue of the Flying Finn the 2024 levy the board will be proposing.

The Ice Rink is no longer skateable with the warmer weather we had recently. Hope that many of you were able to get out and enjoy the rink.

Spring is right around the corner. We will be having road side cleanup in May and ask for any volunteers that would like to participate in picking up trash along the township roadways to contact the clerk's office, garbage bags will be provided if asked and township employees will pick up the filled bags along the roadways.

Heritage Park & Campground has been taking reservations for the upcoming season. Please call the Clerk's office if you would like to make reservations. Lori & Roy Worsham will be returning as caretakers in May.

Grant work and applications for township projects are in the works. There are several jobs that are needed to be completed. Such as clearing of brush and dead trees along Cemetery Road, roofers, Campground work, electrical work and more. If you are a contractor who may be interested in one or more of these jobs, please contact the clerk by email or phone for more information. Quotes are needed ahead of time for the grant process. Must be a licensed and insured contractor.

Have a great month everyone!

Jennifer Boese, Embarrass Town Clerk

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Suggested donation to The Flying Finn 1/4 Page = \$8; 1/2 Page = \$13; Full Page = \$22

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Email embarrasstownship@frontiernet.net or call the Embarrass Town Clerk at 984-2084.

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Persons interested in subscribing to The Flying Finn may drop off or send a donation of \$15 for one year, payable to the Town of Embarrass, 7503 Levander Road, Embarrass, MN 55732.

The Flying Finn makes a great gift for someone who has moved out of the community!

The Flying Finn and the Town of Embarrass welcome announcements about community events and community groups. These submitted announcements are printed here and on following pages. Neither the Town of Embarrass nor The Flying Finn necessarily endorses the viewpoints or ideology of these groups or their events. The Town of Embarrass reserves the right to publish or not publish any letter to the editor or submitted material.

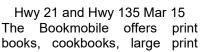
PIKE SANDY WOMEN'S CLUB



The Pike Sandy Women's Club

2023 Scholarship Award will be awarded to a local graduating senior who lives in the Pike, Sandy, Wouri, Embarrass Townships or in an unorganized Township that borders Pike or Sandy Townships. The Scholarship Award will be announced at the April 4th meeting of the Pike Sandy Women's Club. Your letter of interest in this scholarship must be received prior to or no later than Monday, April 3, 2023. Please include in your letter, which College or Technical College you will be attending and any personal information about yourself, including your curriculum plus any extracurricular activities in which you have participated. Please send your letter to the following address: Lynne Stuckey P.O. Box 616, Virginia, MN 55792. For more information about the scholarship, call Lynne at 218-410-0167. The next Women's Club Meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2023, at 7p.m., at Pike Town Hall. Hostesses will be Kim Peterson and Diana Mattila.

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- Babbitt Library Facebook
- Preschool Story Time Monday's
- Adult Book Talk Tuesday's
- Young Adult Book Talk Wednesday's
- Children's Take & Make Kits every month



Waasa Township

Regular Board & Reorganizational Meeting Wednesday, January 4, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Mike Johnson, Carrie Westvik, Steven Sipola, Kim Daugherty and Sandra Gibson

Visitors: None

Meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Board Chair, Mike Johnson and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The Re-Organizational items were at the top of the agenda.

REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Select Town Board Chair & Vice Chair: Mike was nominated to the Chair position and Steve to the Vice-Chair by Steve and seconded Carrie. Carried

Adopt Schedule--Time & Day of Regular Board Meetings: Mike motioned to stay with Wednesday regular meetings close to the beginning of every month at 7 p.m. Carrie seconded. Carried. Note: Meeting schedules are posted for the public on the Town Hall door & other designated posting places.

Set Compensation for Town Officers, Maintenance Person & Cemetery Sexton: No change, with the exception of all officers which are in attendance be paid \$50 per extra meeting and training, as moved by Steve and supported by Carrie. Carried. Extra meetings may include Short Courses, Special Meetings, LBAE, meetings with the Fire Dept. or St. Louis County etc. Steve and Mike agreed to no change. Carried.

Election Judge Pay: Mike motioned to leave the pay at \$12 per hour with support from Steve. Carried.

Review Cemetery Rates: Mike moved that all Cemetery lot prices stay the same and seconded by Carrie. Carried.

Select Road Supervisor & Noxious Weed Inspector: Mike moved to have Steve remain the Road Supervisor and Mike agreed to be Noxious Weed Inspector with Carrie supporting. Carried.

Designated Official Newspaper: Now: Babbitt Weekly News: Steve and Mike agreed to no change. Carried.

Designated Posting Places: Now: Embarrass P.O., Embarrass C.U., Trapline Liquor & Convenience Store and Town Hall: Steve and Carrie agreed to no change.

Designate Bank/Financial Institutions as Town Depositories: —Now: Embarrass Vermilion Federal C.U.: Carrie and Steve agreed there should be no change. Carried.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Minutes Approval: Steve moved to approve the December 7, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes. Carrie supported. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: New Treasurer, Kim Daugherty stated that she has put in many hours on the books and believes to have all in order. December Receipts were \$753.50 (State of MN-Twp. Aid) and \$27.52 (State of MN- MV Credit-Ag.) Also, EVFCU interest payment of \$53.34. Disbursements including payroll and PERA: \$2,333.25. Mike accepted the report and Steve supported. Carried (3-0).

Approval to Pay Bills: Mike moved to approve payment of the bills listed below plus payroll and PERA with support from Steve. Carried (3-0).

- Asleson, Linda, \$129.00, Re-issued Election Payroll Check—New Ck.#4863
- Gibson, Sandra, \$18.95, Clerk's Notary Stamp
- Lake Country Power, \$70.62, Electricity for Town Hall
- St. Louis County Auditor, \$97.73, Proposed Tax Notice Prep & Delivery
- U.S. Treasury, \$233.84, 4th Quarter-941 Tax

Road Report: Roads are in good winter condition.

Old Business: An Election Judge was not able to cash her township check and returned it to the clerk. A new check was approved for her.

The Treasurer stated that the laptop passed on to her from Nina has been over-heating. Kim was instructed to do some research and bring her recommendation to the February meeting. Training for New Treasurers will be held at the MAT headquarters several Tuesdays in January and into February. Kim hopes to attend the January 10th training. Mike approved training for Kim and to cover mileage and motel costs. Supported by Steve. Carried (3-0).

A Resolution Authorizing each Board Supervisor to be paid for their time over and above their regular pay was adopted by the board, so moved by Mike and seconded by Steve. Carried (3-0).

New Business: Mike attended the Annual Embarrass Region Fire Department Annual Meeting January 3rd. A 3% contract increase is asked for the year 2024. Increases in expenses such as vehicles, 911 signs and gear were noted.

A new helipad behind the fire hall will be a greatly anticipated project for this summer.

It was noted that the Clerk found a mistake on the November 2, 2022 minutes. Before the minutes were submitted to the Flying Finn. One of the names of people in attendance needed to be deleted.

Clerk informed the board of the new 2023 IRS Mileage Rate which will be used. It is now 65.5 cents per mile.

The issues to be brought to the Annual Meeting being held at the town hall on Tuesday, March 14 at 7 p.m. were discussed. Possible agenda item is window replacements in the town hall.

Correspondence: All mail was read and filed.

Adjournment: Mike moved to close the meeting at 8:10 p.m. and was supported by Steve. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Sandra Gibson, Waasa Town Clerk; Mike Johnson, Waasa Board Chair

Waasa Township

Annual Meeting Notice

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Waasa Township, County of St. Louis, State of Minnesota, the Annual Meeting will commence:

Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Waasa Town Hall, 3795 Highway 21, Embarrass, MN

to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law.

In case of inclement weather, the meeting may be postponed until the third Tuesday in March.

Sandra Gibson, Waasa Town Clerk March 1, 2023



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See you at the Embarrass Region Fair!

*** OBITUARY ***

Robert W. Pulkinen, 84

Robert W. Pulkinen, 84, of Washington Manor in Virginia, formerly of

Embarrass, died peacefully from Alzheimer's on Feb. 17, 2023, at New Journey Memory Care in Eveleth. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 27 at Grace and Truth Bible Church in Virginia, with visitation starting one hour prior.



Bob was born in Embarrass on May 28, 1938, to William and Fannie (Lukkinen) Pulkinen. He graduated from Embarrass High School in 1956 and entered the U.S. Army, serving from 1956-1959 with the 498th Combat Eng. Battalion in Germany. He was united in marriage to Francine Brula on Oct. 3, 1959, in Gilbert. Bob worked for Erie Mining Company (LTV Steel) as a Millwright Tech, retiring after 36 years, most of them at Dunka River. He was a member of the USWA Local 4108 and served on the executive board, the contract negotiating committee, the grievance committee, the comp committee and the PAC committee. Bob was a past board member of the Embarrass-Vermillion Credit Union in Embarrass; a past member of the BWCA Committee in Ely; and the Waasa Township constable from 1961-1971.

He was a lifetime member of the VFW and past chaplain of Post 1539 Babbitt, past chaplain of VFW Post 1113 Virginia, and past chaplain of VFW Post 4456 Gilbert. After retiring from LTV, he went on to work at B&S Research in Embarrass. Bob was dedicated to veterans, helping them in any way he could, day or night, talking to them, and helping them get into VA programs (hearing aids, glasses, etc.). His favorite saying was, "Don't say da bye-bye, say buy Co-op."

Bob is survived by his spouse, Francine; son, James Pulkinen and significant other Katie Dougherty of Duluth; son, Michael (Jamie) Pulkinen of Wausau, Wis.; grandchildren, Brian (Erin), Eric and Rachel Pulkinen; four step-grandchildren; one step-great-grandson; sister-in-law, Delores Walsh of Badger; numerous nephews, nieces, relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents.

Darlene Mary Elizabeth Graupman, 91

Darlene Mary Elizabeth Graupman, 91, of Babbitt, passed away suddenly on Jan. 24, 2023, at Babbitt Carefree Living after a short illness. Funeral services were held at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Babbitt on Jan. 28. Burial was at the Amanda Cemetery Annex in Waasa Township, followed by a reception at the Junction Hotel in Babbitt.

Darlene was born on Sept. 19, 1931, at home on a farm near Winsted. The story was told that she was only about four pounds at birth and slept in a shoe box near the kitchen wood-burning stove for a time. Darlene was the oldest of five children born to Elwin W. and Julia B. (Paul) Stuedemann. She began her education in a country school outside of Glencoe in first grade and in the fourth grade moved to 1st Lutheran Parochial School in Glencoe. She was confirmed at 1st

Lutheran Church. As a teenager, she helped out by driving tractor on the family farm and working various jobs, including at restaurants and as a nanny in Plato. It was at Plato that she met the love of her life, Earl Graupman. They were married on Oct. 28, 1950. They made their first home in Plato and later moved to Babbitt in 1956 to work at the new taconite mine, Reserve Mining Company.

Darlene lovingly raised her three children, Sandra (Kevin) Gibson, Steven (Linda) Graupman and Shelly (Darrell) Zillmer. She was blessed with 10 grandchildren, Julie (Dan) Viren, Scott (Lisa) Gibson, Travis (Andrea) Gibson, Ross (Dawn) Graupman, Neil (Christina) Graupman, Amy (Matthew) Eldridge, Tony Zillmer, Teri (Chris) Iverson, Tyler Zillmer and Tracy (Leeland) Campion. She had 20 great-grandchildren and recently met her life's goal of becoming a great-great-grandmother and was thrilled to learn of another great-great on the way.

Besides being a wonderful housewife and mother, Darlene was a devoted member of Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, holding several offices in the Ladies Guild. She had a passion for sewing beautiful quilts for World Relief and for each of her grandchildren and greats. She once said she had sewed a thousand quilts. Some of her interests were catching all the Twins games she possibly could and keeping score, league bowling, late night card games with her best friend, Gert Jensen, being a Boy Scout Den Mother, being active in PTA and Garden Club, blueberry picking, fishing, canning, crossstitching and crafts. She made beautiful items from sea shells which she picked up at Mexico Beach, Fla., where she and Earl enjoyed being snowbirds. Traveling with Earl to Hawaii and Alaska were treasured memories.

Darlene retired from working many years at the Ely Nursing Home as a CNA. She was known for going above and beyond her duties for the residents.

She was preceded in death by her parents; siblings, Loraine, Roger and Willis; husband of 55 years, Earl; daughter, Shelly; grandson, Tyler; and several sisters- and brothers-in-law.

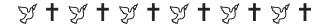
Jane J Lehman, 71

Jane J Lehman, 71, longtime resident of Embarrass and formerly of Duluth and St. Louis Park, MN, went home to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Thursday, December 29, 2022. She was born May 15, 1951, in Soudan, MN, the daughter of Paul and Doris (Wengard), Lehman. She was a graduate of Embarrass High School and went on to attend Ely Community College. She enjoyed reading and gardening.

Jane is survived by her sister Julia Lehman of Embarrass, MN; and her brother Stephen Lehman of Hayward, WI; extended family members and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

A private graveside service will be held in the Vermilion Lake Township Cemetery in Tower. Family services provided by Bauman-Vermilion, a Bauman Family Funeral Home, in Tower.



Embarrass Flower & Garden Club

Monday, March 6, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. Embarrass Town Hall.

We will be planning our spring MN 8th District Horticultural meeting, which we are co-sponsoring with the Cook Garden Club. It is an all-day event at the Virginia Elks Club on May 20, 2023, with prizes, raffles and lunch.

Registration form can be cut from his page, or by contacting Linda Cox, (218) 780-4143. If you love gardening you won't want to miss this meeting and our special speaker and demonstrator, Maija Biondich.

We will also be discussing the continuing project at the Embarrass Information Center. Coffee and goodies will be served. Please come and join us, the public is invited.



The Cook Area Garden Club and the Embarrass Flower & Garden Club invite you to the 2023 - 8th District Spring Meeting

DATE: May 20, 2023 LOCATION: Virginia Elks Club,

9:00 AM

220 North 5th Avenue West, Virginia, MN Registration, Coffee, Country Store, and Raffles

10:00 AM 8th District Business Meeting.

Anne Badaniak / Linda Cox, Co-Presidents Presiding

11:00 AM Break for Country Store

11:30 AM 2023 8th District Scholarship Announcements 12:00 Noon Plated Lunch, served by MB Deli, Virginia

1:00 PM Keynote: Floral Designer Majja Bjondich will present creative ideas for

flower arrangements.

2:00 PM Raffles (Door prize drawings throughout the day.)

Maija Biondich, former owner of Silver Lake Floral in Virginia is an expert in floral design. In 2019, when she closed her business, she already had a total of 40 years' experience of working with flowers. She will demonstrate her expertise and offer tips in floral arranging.

Cost: \$25.00 per person	Registration deadline: Saturday, N	lay 12, 2023
Name(s):	Garden Club:	
Address:	City:	Zipcode:
Phone:	Email:	
# of tickets @ \$25.00 each_	Checks payable to: Coo	k Area Garden Club
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Mail to: Anne Badaniak, 9849 Dickenson LN, Britt, MN 55710

Questions? Anne Badanjak, (218) 290-3677 or Linda Cox (218) 780-4143



February 16, 2023, 6:30 p.m. Pending Approval

Present Board: Gustave Schroeder, Lisa Gibson Trustees: Sue Beaton, Janine Patten

Members Present: Doug Mattson, Jo Hardy, Jim Hardy, Floyd Joki, Sarah Wallert-Ramponi, William Ramponi, Paul Knuti, Tana Johnson, Mike Johnson, Charlie Fowler, Dennis Alto, Wally O'Farrell, Carissa Smith et al.

Call to Order. Gus called the meeting to order at 6:34. Tana volunteered to keep time. Carissa volunteered to take notes.

State of the Association -Accomplishments & Goals. Gus reviewed ERFA accomplishments for 2022, year to date 2023, and the goals for 2023. Accomplishments included the appointment of Tana Johnson as Grant Committee Chair. Thanks to Tana ERFA has received a number of grants for Timber Hall improvements and other needs. Additional accomplishments include increased Pancake Breakfast attendance, themed Pancake Breakfasts, a strategic plan was adopted, successful Craft Shows in November & December and a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. 2023 Goals include implementing a new Board and Committee Structure, developing an operating budget and a marketing plan, seeking community input on ways to promote and improve use of the Timber Hall and property. For a complete list of accomplishments and goals email Janine Patten at j9patten@yahoo.com.

New Board Structure. Janine moved to open the bylaws for amendment to incorporate the new board structure. Sue seconded. Motion passed with two dissenting votes.

Discussion regarding the board structure included the difference between the current board structure and the new structure, defining a self-perpetuating Board and increasing the Board size to 12 directors to help advance the mission of the ERFA. Questions were raised on how with an even number of directors split decisions would be managed, what will constitute a quorum and other issues. There will be more discussion and another vote at the March meeting. To receive of copy of the New Board Structure email Janine at j9patten@yahoo.com.

Treasurers Report. Janine gave December 31, 2022 checking & savings account balances.

Motion to approve treasury report – motion passed.

Highlights from Committee Updates:

Grant Committee. Tana reported that 2,800 volunteer hours were recorded in 2022. She reviewed donations and grants, received and requested. She also emphasized the need for project managers to oversee Timber Hall bathroom and building restoration projects.

Finance Committee. Janine reported on the need to switch to accounting software and establish an operating budget.

Volunteer Committee. Sarah reported that she is researching ways to modernize volunteer tracking. Volunteer Appreciation Dinner was proposed for October.

Fair Committee. Fair preparations are beginning. Sue reported that letters have been sent seeking vendors for the Fair and that we need to decide whether to have ax throwing again, as it was not profitable. Janine requested approval to bring a musical puppet show to the fair for two performances. Tana will attempt to receive funding through a grant, Janine will seek donations/business sponsorship to offset the costs. There was a motion made and seconded to hire the musical puppet show and accept the costs, with the understanding that Janine will be seeking funds to offset the costs. Motion passed.

Team Penning. Doug discussed getting more cattle this year in order to have two groups. Gus suggested looking into taking out a livestock insurance policy.

Miscellaneous. Janine made a list of potential Board nominees. Tana said, in order to track attendance at the Fair, there should be wristbands for children. It was agreed that Pancake Breakfast volunteers should get a free meal.

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 8:05.

Gratitude to Carissa Smith for taking & typing notes for the February meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Janine Patten, Trustee

Upcoming Pancake Breakfasts!

Timber Hall, 4855 Hwy 21, Embarrass

Join us for all-you-can-eat pancakes, choice of ham or sausage links, fruit cup, juice, and a bottomless cup of coffee. Adults \$6, children (6-10 years) \$3, and under 5 years FREE.

Saturday, March 4, 8 - 11 a.m.

The March Pancake Breakfast will feature the Tac 'n' Stuff Sale of new and used horse tack and a Girl Scout Cookie Sale!

Saturday, April 1, 8 - 11 a.m.

Volunteer Firefighter Appreciation. Volunteer Firefighters will receive a FREE Pancake Breakfast.

Saturday, May 6, 8 - 11 a.m. Along with the Pancake Breakfast, there will be a blood drive at Timber Hall. Help to save lives by donating blood.

Sponsored by the Embarrass Region Fair Association.

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Sunday

Family Bible Classes, 9 a.m. Family Worship, 10 a.m.

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Men's Bible Study – 7 p.m.

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Meetings:

Saturday, March 4 –Titus 2 Women's Group, 9 a.m.

Sunday, March 5 – Membership Class, 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, March 18 – Ministries Team Meetings, 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, March 25 – Men's Breakfast, 8 a.m.

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March 5 "Glory"

March 12 "A Treaure in Jars of Clay"

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March 26 "Earthly Tent to Eternal Home"

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
5088 Hwy 21, PO Box 1076, Embarrass

Office hours

Tuesday & Thursday, 4:30 – 7 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

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2023			Jan. 25	Jan. 26	Jan. 27	Jan. 28
			19/25	-8/21	-13/15	-16/15
			sn .90"		sn 3.30"	sn .10"
			рс .06"		рс .15"	pc .02"
Jan. 29	Jan. 30	Jan. 31	Feb. 1	Feb. 2	Feb. 3	Feb. 4
-36/1	-36/-1	-35/-2	-26/5	-26/10	-35/-2	-36/-2
				sn .40"		
				pc .02"		
Feb. 5	Feb. 6	Feb. 7	Feb. 8	Feb. 9	Feb. 10	Feb. 11
-2/22	-10/16	11/35	13/32	10/45	-5/34	-10/27
trace sn	trace sn	sn .40"				
trace pc	trace pc	pc .04"				
Feb. 12	Feb. 13	Feb. 14	Feb. 15	Feb. 16	Feb. 17	Feb. 18
20/49	20/42	20/42	25/41	-8/25	-20/13	-20/24
			sn .50"	trace sn		
			рс .70"	trace pc		
Feb. 19	Feb. 20	Feb. 21	Feb. 22	Feb. 23	Feb. 24	
18/36	-10/29	-1/20	-26/9	-25/11	-29/3	
trace sn	trace sn	snow 5"			sn .50"	
trace pc	trace pc	рс .28"			рс .04"	

2022		Feb. 1	Feb. 2	Feb. 3	Feb. 4	Feb. 5
2022		12/27	-14/24	-40/-4	-41/5	-25/7
		sn .30"			trace sn	snow 1"
		pc .02"			trace pc	pc .07"
Feb. 6	Feb. 7	Feb. 8	Feb. 9	Feb. 10	Feb. 11	Feb. 12
2/9	2/11 trace sn	-5/14	11/34	7/22	7/23	-39/19
sn 4.10"	trace pc		sn .50"		sn 1.80"	
pc .25"			pc .04"		pc .20"	
Feb. 13	Feb. 14	Feb. 15	Feb. 16	Feb. 17	Feb. 18	Feb. 19
-41/-1	-41/6	-30/11	-23/19	-17/17	-36/0	-21/10
	sn .10"		snow 1"		trace sn	sn 1.50"
	pc .01"		pc .10"		pc .01"	рс .19"
Feb. 20	Feb. 21	Feb. 22	Feb. 23	Feb. 24	Feb. 25	Feb. 26
-15/25	-1/26	-6/0	-11/2	-42/5	-43/8	-41/13
sn .20"	trace sn	snow 4"	sn 1.80"			
pc .01"	trace pc	pc .22"	pc .12"			
Feb. 27	Feb. 28					
-1/31	0/23					
	trace sn					
	trace pc					