

HARTLAND AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 13, 2012

- I., II. Board Members Present:** Shyrl Cone, Hildy Foley, Mike Forster, Janet Frick, Barbara Krueger, Bill McDevitt, John Weiss, Diana Wells
Also Present: Bob Ruby, Emma Winegarner
Absent: Kathie Horning
The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm.

- III. Opening Remarks (President):** Hildy is getting a case from Michael Schragg Saturday for stripping and refinishing the case. Mike and Hildy went to the museum in Hadley and got some good ideas for ours. They learned that the reason the township pays for maintenance and repairs to their facilities is because the township owns them.

Doors aren't finished yet but are being made in Fenton and then installed here. They must also be painted. We will open some time in September.

Discussion was held with regard to thumbprint entry versus key entry. Thumbprint entry would have continuing costs, whereas keys would be a one-time purchase. A place in Howell will have the mold and the president will be the only authorized person to make keys. There will be a limited number of keys – 12 – for board members, the registrar, and docents, and the keys must be signed out. If lost, the charge for replacement will be \$10.00. The board voted to approve the charge. The motion to approve the charge was made by Barb Krueger and seconded by Bill McDevitt. Motion carried.

- IV. Approval of Minutes from July 9, 2012 Meeting:** Barb Krueger made a motion to accept the minutes as written, and Mike Forster seconded it. The motion carried.

- IV. Financial Report:** Barb Krueger distributed the report and reviewed checks written (see attached report). The checking balance on August 13 was \$10,438.43. The Money Market account balance, as of July 31, was \$15,497.77. Discussion was held about the low interest rate and whether or not there might be a way to earn a better return. Barb said that we will get a credit on our account with Consumers Energy. Shyrl Cone made a motion to accept the financial report, and Bill McDevitt seconded it. Motion carried.

- VI. Vice President's Report:** Bill McDevitt has been visiting museums and getting ideas for ours. He is trying to find a home for our green loom. He and Hildy will be meeting with Eunice Epley to gather more information about this loom. He has also looked at some local history books.

- VII. Webmaster's Report:** Bob Ruby reported that he has created a Google Maps location, which includes a picture and the website information. We now have a Facebook Group and Page now. It is listed as a Facebook location as well. We had 394 web hits in the last month. He is trying a different calendar plug-in than Google. Barb Krueger suggested talking to the library to see what calendar program they use. Bill mentioned adding Hartland historic events to our calendar. On the website is a link to Facebook and instructions for donations. Discussion ensued about using Paypal.
- VIII. Collections Report:** Mike Forster reported that Emma has the chairs registered. She said she has a signed gift agreement for them and has accessioned them in as well as created a basic information sheet for each. Gift agreements will be filed with accession sheets and scanned in as well. The thimble collection remains to be gifted into the collection.
- IX. Newsletter:** Diana Wells stated that she has information listed regarding Heritage Day. The museum will be open, but there will not be specific activities planned. She reviewed upcoming dates and checked the information to be included in the newsletter. Diana gathered details to put in the newsletter for the upcoming potluck. She also reviewed with Bob Ruby the procedure for "going green" – Bob will send out an e-mail and find out who no longer wants to receive newsletters in print format. There will be a change in newsletter changes either for this run or the next because Haviland Printing is closing. Bob asked for the logo for the newsletter. Dropbox was discussed as a good option for sending the newsletter to Bob for proofreading.
- Diana will set up a key to some of the vignettes for the museum.
- X. February Fundraising Event:** Discussion was raised regarding a venue for the gala. It seemed that Tyrone Hills was a better deal than Dunham Hills, but it depends on what charges might be waived. Hartland Insurance was discounted because of a 50-person limit and no alcohol. Two chairpersons, Barb Krueger and Bill McDevitt, were appointed to choose a venue, and two dates were chosen: February 15th as a first choice, February 8th as a second choice. Instructions to the co-chairs included gathering members from outside the board to be a part of the planning committee. Barb Krueger volunteered to sort out prices and banquet facilities. Discussion included how much to charge as far as fundraising, decorations, advertising, etc.
- XI. Future Fund Raisers and Related Discussion:** Shyrl Cone mentioned Variety Farms and doing some sort of pig roast or barbecue, with a bonfire, hayride, square dancing, something like that. Diana Wells suggested maybe the Ice Cream Social could be relocated. Shyrl and Bob will talk with Tina Bulloch from the farm to see if there is something we could work out. Hildy said we should have activities every month.

Diana Wells mentioned having more activities at the museum and putting up a sign about the monthly events. Shyrl suggested a kids' activity such as a movie, like *Night at the Museum*.

- XII. Comments from Board Members:** Janet shared a map that her father made from long ago of the settlement and who lived where. There are carvings as well. Shyrl Cone suggested possibly having a display at the museum of these artifacts.

Shyrl Cone will donate a Laura Ingalls type Mother/Daughter costume set for events.

Barb Krueger shared that there have been a series of meetings between the township and local businesses regarding the needs of our area.

- XIII. Meeting Adjournment:** Mike Forster made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm and Diana Wells seconded it. The meeting was adjourned. **The next meeting will be held at the Florence B. Dearing Museum on September 10, 2012.**

Paperwork Distributed: Minutes from the June meeting and financial reports.