

Hartland Area Historical Society

Board Meeting • Monday April 9, 2012

Hartland Museum

I. Attendance and Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Hildy Foley at 7:08.

Board Members Present: Hildy Foley, Janet Frick, Kathie Horning, Diana Wells, Barbara Krueger, John Wiese, Mike Forster, Curator
Also present: Bob Ruby, Webmaster; Bill McDevitt and Emma Winegarner.

II. Approval of minutes from February 13, 2012 meeting

The February 13 minutes were approved, in a motion by Kathie Horning, seconded by Diana Wells, Motion carried.

III. Treasurer's Report given by Barbara Krueger

Checking Account \$9,911

Savings Account \$15,495

The motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Diana Wells, seconded by Mike Forster. Motion carried.

IV. Heartland Foundation Grant

Barbara Krueger has written a grant for significant funding for the reprinting of the Hartland walking tour map. Barbara will ask for the total amount of the estimated cost to print 1,000 copies, at the advice of Bob Ruby, Hildy, as Vice-President will be signing. John Wiese made the motion for approval, Kathie Horning seconded. Motion carried.

V. Collections Report

Transfer of collections and recording of items continues. A discussion ensued concerning the facilitation of getting items moved from the school facility back to the museum.

VI. Museum Status

There was a discussion regarding the museum doors. John Wiese expressed durable material could be used, such as yellow-pine which would be less expensive than cypress and there would still be money left to work on the surrounds. He stated that "the cypress doors were undeniably the strongest material and could last 300 years, much longer than the life of the museum. The doors will be inspected and bids taken for repair.

The museum is now open from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on both Sundays and Wednesdays.

VII. Upcoming Events

Possible fund-raisers for the coming year were discussed.

The HAHS annual meeting and potluck will be held on May 17, at the Hartland United Methodist Church and will include the presentation of officers and trustees. Possible members of the nominating committee and possible nominees were discussed.

Three terms will be expiring this year. The speaker at the potluck will be History teacher John Ellis. Diana Wells will announce the event in the HAHS Newsletter. Set-up will begin At 5:30, doors open at 6:00 and dinner at 6:30.

On Sunday, April 22, the Hartland Museum will host a program of "Music at the Museum." Some of Mike Forster's musical instruments, music boxes and record players and recordings will be featured, a traditional weaving song and songs written for Hartland will be displayed and perhaps performed along with performances on the keyboard instruments. Hildy Foley would like to have the museum host various programs, perhaps once a month, during the museums regular hours. Possible speakers were suggested. Bob Ruby is excited about the possibility of having an event where people can bring old photos to be scanned. The annual ice-cream social will be held in July and Diana Wells will make the ice cream. The annual Memorial Day and Heritage Day museum opening days were discussed, as well as next year's November potluck and the giving of candy on the museum steps on Halloween.

VIII. Comments From the Board

Fund-raising projects were discussed, including the possible sending out of cards and mugs as perks for membership, and how we got more monies in donations than we did for Gala attendance. Barbara Krueger spoke of the need for year-long planning. Door repair was brought up again and John Anderbruck's name was mentioned. Barbara Krueger said that an 8th grader (visited with his mother) was making project of finding all the Latin names for the taxidermies animals that we have on display. Emma Winegarner stated that she has the American names. The need for labels was noted. There was a question about the whereabouts of a 4-drawer file cabinet and the paper-work for the Hartland Area Project. John Wiese has ideas about how to reduce museum utility bills. UV Blinds were mentioned and switching them from N. to S. where the sun is stronger. Mike has an 8-foot step ladder that the museum can use. Bob Ruby described and demonstrated how he is setting up our web-site and how he is utilizing much of what is already in place by the cutting and pasting of pre-existing materials. Upcoming Michigan History conferences were announced. A half-page ad for the HAHS will be put in the Memorial Day booklet.

IX. Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 in a motion by Janet Frick, seconded by Mike Forster. Motion carried.

Submitted by Janet Frick
Recording Secretary

Next Meeting: May14, 2012 at the Hartland Museum

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