

HARTLAND AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 10, 2012

I., II. Board Members Present: Shyrl Cone, Hildy Foley, Barbara Krueger, Bill McDevitt, Diana Wells, Mike Forster, Margaret Melville, Janet Frick
Also Present: Bob Ruby, Emma Winegarner

Absent: John Wiese

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

III. Opening Remarks (President): Hildy Foley thanked the board for their help over the last several months. In the coming year are two major projects: the outside of the building must be painted and the foundation must be repaired. The checking account balance is down to about \$3000 so we must be careful of how it is spent. The doors are done, and updates to the electrical work have been done. We were asked to participate in outdoor lighting for the holidays, but we do not have an outside receptacle. There has been an offer to pay for an outdoor receptacle, if the board agrees to it. Discussion ensued regarding electricity expenses, etc. A motion was made by Bill McDevitt to have lights around the door, and Janet Frick seconded it. The motion carried. Hildy said that plaques are being made for cases donated and that Emma is preparing labels for all the display items as well as a picture of the woman responsible for the taxidermy display. Hildy said that exhibits will be rotated on a regular basis. For display loans, Mike must be contacted. Hildy mentioned that we have received the tables from Tyrone Township. There is a young man that has helped in the past and will help again to do some labeling of the exhibits.

III. Approval of Minutes from November 12, 2012 Meeting: After some typographical corrections, Barb Krueger made a motion to accept the minutes and Bill McDevitt seconded it. The motion carried.

IV. Financial Report: Barb Krueger reported that our current balance is \$5064.55 in checking and approximately \$15,499.72 in savings. Barb stated that a woman from Arcadia Press has been making inquiries about making a history book. Mike Forster made a motion to accept the report, and Janet Frick seconded it. The motion carried.

V. Vice President's Report: Bill McDevitt reported that he had nothing further for the record beyond the discussion regarding the history book. The Patch was contacted first, and they contacted several people. We have declined.

VI. By-Laws Committee: Bob Ruby asked Emma Weingartner to help with the by-laws. She said to check our current by-laws to find out when notice must be given. Bob said he would also contact John Ellis. Hildy clarified that the

changes are to get rid of term limits. Appointed non-board positions will be year-to-year and chosen by the new board.

VII. Curator and Registrar's Report: Nothing can go out or come in to the museum without accounting for it.

VIII. Editor's Report: Articles need to be in as soon as possible. The newsletter will go out at the beginning of January. One thing to add is a "wish list" of items we need. Hildy stressed the importance of fundraising. Diana said we need a new printer for our 200 newsletters. Ideas were discussed about possible companies to use. Diana also showed the posters and invitations made for the fundraiser.

January Program – "How we Worked": Every board member needs to give a couple of hours to help on Saturdays when the museum is open.

VIX. Webmaster/Genealogist's Report: Bob Ruby is working on making the website more reactive.

VIII. February 15th Fundraiser: Tickets are available and were distributed to board members to sell. Tickets will be offered to major donors (\$1000 or more in donations will earn 2 free tickets). Discussion regarding donations was held, and various persons offered to try to find donors. Tickets would be left at the museum for anyone asking for them here.

IX. New Business: Hildy mentioned that our mailbox situation has hopefully been rectified.

Comments: Barb Krueger shared some information about the cemetery. Some of the headstones are leaning and getting worse. She has been talking with Larry Hopkins and gone to township meetings. They've hired a sexton to repair headstones (worst first). Barb asked Emma to look at the Parshalville cemetery in the same light.

XIII. Meeting Adjournment: Barb Krueger made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 pm and Bill McDevitt seconded it. The meeting was adjourned. **The next meeting will be held at the Florence B. Dearing Museum on January 14th.**

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