

HARTLAND AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 11, 2013

- I., II. **Board Members Present:** Shyrl Cone, Hildy Foley, Barbara Krueger, Bill McDevitt, Mike Forster, Janet Frick, John Wiese, Diana Wells
Also Present: Bob Ruby
Members Absent: Margaret Melville
The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

- III. **Opening Remarks -President (Hildy Foley):** Hildy Foley talked about the front door sticking. John Endebrook has come and corrected the problem to some degree but more adjustment is needed. Hildy presented the idea of putting a door knob and lock on the door in the back so that the building can be accessed. The board agreed that this should be done. Hildy then talked about storage as an issue. She and Mike Forster talked about the idea of making a small through-space upstairs for accessibility to the attic. John Wiese also mentioned measurement for storage shelves, running about \$18 per foot. Hildy asked John to look into that further. People have called with large farm implements to donate, and we need to identify storage space. Renting a storage facility is not an option.

We have two new members, Carol Taggart and Steve Stanford. Steve will most likely speak at our May meeting.

- IV. **Approval of Minutes from January 14, 2013 Meeting - Secretary (Shyrl Cone):** Barb Krueger made a motion to accept the minutes. Janet Frick seconded it. The motion carried.

- V. **Financial Report - Treasurer (Barbara Krueger):** Barb Krueger did not have a financial report due to preparations for the Gala. Currently we have \$2080 in sales and regret donations, and \$2097 is due to Waldenwoods (about \$1000 has been paid to them so far). We are at a break-even point, so any silent auction and other sales are profit. Janet Frick donated a book called *Love Stories*, and Hildy Foley discussed plans for door prizes and decorating. With regard to music, we will use the sound system there. Tom Parshall is putting together a slide show of various Hartland pictures. Hildy and Mike Forster will speak, Joe Hune will talk briefly, and the minister from Victory Baptist Church will give the invocation. As it stands, no members of the township board are attending. Mike suggested opening with the Pledge of Allegiance or singing "God Bless America." The menu is mostly the same as last year's. Discussion ensued about how to display dresses.

- VI. **Vice President's Report (Bill McDevitt):** Bill McDevitt had no report.

- VII. **Curator's Report (Mike Forster):** Mike Forster had no report.

VIII. Editor's Report (Diana Wells): Diana Wells had no report but said that the newsletter would go out in the beginning of May. Bob Ruby confirmed that the by-laws changes would be in the next newsletter. A nominating committee is needed before the May meeting. Hildy Foley mentioned that the Argus has been very responsive and helpful in covering museum exhibits and events.

IX. Webmaster/Genealogist's Report (Robert Ruby): Robert Ruby had no report. Discussion was held about Margaret Gannon and research into the history of her tombstone.

X. Comments: Barbara Krueger discussed making copies of obituaries for the museum as well as the library of local residents. She is sharing information with long-time residents such as Hildy Foley and Bill McDevitt to make sure significant names are not missed. Bill talked about how, in Dexter, all obituaries mentioning Dexter are clipped and saved for reference. Bob Ruby suggested talking to Ruth Wyckoff, who does that for Hartland at this time. Hildy talked about how much we can learn from visiting other museums and getting ideas for exhibits and events. Barb Krueger said that someone visited from Milford and asked where John Robert Crouse's picture was, since he was so important to Hartland. Discussion ensued about procuring one. Shyrl Cone mentioned trying to contact the author of the coloring book, so that we could use pictures at the schools, and discussion ensued about various activities that could involve older students and creating a valuable experience for the second-graders on field trips. Janet Frick mentioned meeting a circus historian that does presentations on circuses. (Maybe this could be tied in to a summer picnic fundraiser?) Hildy mentioned doing a fundraiser tea with vintage dresses and what-not, maybe at the church or something. Bill brought up doing a calendar to order for the coming year. Barb mentioned the library and how supportive the staff has been and that we should consider doing something to thank them. Museum hours will be 10-2 on Saturdays. Bill asked how we did with The Way We Worked exhibit, and it was mentioned that not many people came through in conjunction with that. Janet brought some pictures of the Musson family to try to identify some of the people in them.

XI. Meeting Adjournment: Diana Wells made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm and Bill McDevitt seconded it. The meeting was adjourned. **The next meeting be held at the Florence B. Dearing Museum on March 11th.**

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