

HARTLAND AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
January 14, 2013

- I., II. **Board Members Present:** Shyrl Cone, Hildy Foley, Barbara Krueger, Bill McDevitt, Diana Wells, Mike Forster, Janet Frick, John Wiese, Margaret Melville  
**Also Present:** Bob Ruby, Emma Winegarner  
The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.
- III. **Opening Remarks -President (Hildy Foley):** Hildy Foley talked about all board members needing to help with the museum on these Saturdays. The Argus will have an article on the fundraiser this weekend. Barbara Krueger said that Tatum Ryan would like information for the Patch. Ticket sales are slow in coming in. Hopefully with the articles and additional publicity, ticket sales will go up. There will be an ad in Community Life as well (there will be a charge). Hildy went to Spirit of Livingston and talked with them about working on the pictures and gave proprietors Danny and Carol Maczik free tickets for the dinner. Carol offered to make up something like shopping bags and donate them that we can sell them. There was discussion about the people who are given tickets confirming whether or not they are coming for a food count. Hildy talked to Tom Parshall about painting, and he will provide the name of the painter who did the inside of the building. He said that the outside of the building was scraped and does not have lead paint on it. We are collecting bids for the various projects. Various persons are bringing bridal dresses for the dinner in February. We will determine the number of tables.
- III. **Approval of Minutes from December 10, 2012 Meeting - Secretary (Shyrl Cone Cone):** Barb Krueger made a motion to accept the minutes with a spelling correction and John Wiese seconded it. The motion carried.
- IV. **Financial Report - Treasurer (Barbara Krueger):** Barb Krueger reported we have had some regret donations for the dinner. She mentioned including business members and offering business card ads. Barb also asked about how we keep track of how the dues are accounted for, date-wise. Also, what about a lifetime membership? Different levels of support were discussed. She shared that we have sold several books, and they are big supporters of ours. What can be done to show our appreciation? Our current balance is \$1731.71 in checking and approximately \$12,501.01 in savings. Janet Frick made a motion to accept the report, and Margaret Melville seconded it. The motion carried.
- V. **Vice President's Report (Bill McDevitt):** Bill McDevitt reported that 100-watt bulbs had been put into 60-watt sockets in the outdoor light fixture. It has melted and needs to be replaced. He brought up the idea of moving the museum hours to Saturday. John also suggested putting a sign on Crouse

as well as on Avon. Bill also suggested extra signs to put on M-59 and other places when we are open.

- VI. Curator's Report (Mike Forster):** The blacksmith and farming display is new and impressive. The hope is to put up a display for the fire department because the lower level is there because of the fire department.
- VII. Editor's Report (Diana Wells):** Diana Wells said that she needs more articles for the newsletter. We need photographs. A camera is going to be donated and left at the museum. The next newsletter will be up at the beginning of May and all articles should be to her by April 15.
- VII. By-Laws Committee (Robert Ruby):** Any changes must be submitted to the membership within two weeks of the annual meeting. That meeting will be held the third week of May, and a possible speaker is a man who talks about Henry Ford.
- VIX. Webmaster/Genealogist's Report (Robert Ruby):** The website is completely updated with newsletters and minutes. The fundraiser is on the website. Bob has a laser printer and scanner as well as a camera to donate to the museum, provided the computer will handle them.
- X. Registrar's Report (Emma Winegarner):** Emma filed and entered information into our catalog about 75 pictures today, returned from Nadine Cloutier. They are in archival folders. She showed a slideshow of the pictures to the board.
- XI. February 15<sup>th</sup> Fundraiser:** Nadine Cloutier has donated a picture for the silent auction. Diana Wells said that there are signs and slips in a box for the silent auction. Various ideas were discussed for auction items. Carol and Danny Macik (Spirit of Livingston) are going to come up with something for the silent auction. Mike Forster is going to have the small piano there. Any dress donations should have some basic information that will go with the dress as well as a picture. Diana Wells will make up some cards. Shyrl Cone will handle centerpieces.
- XII. January 28th Program:** Different members will handle different parts of the museum, stationed at them to discuss the various components of it. The program will run from 7-9 pm. Coffee and cookies will be served.
- XIV. Comments:** Margaret Melville asked about Valentines for the fundraiser, and they will be displayed. Shyrl Cone brought up history tours and guidelines will be delineated. She also mentioned that one of our members, Charles Toy, recently passed away. Janet Frick brought up music at the fundraiser, and a discussion ensued about types of music available. Margaret Melville asked about a minimum for the dinner as well, and Barbara Krueger said that it was 50 but will

negotiate if needed. Christmas decorations were discussed, and they will be brought down and stored for next year.

**XV. Meeting Adjournment:** Diana Wells made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm and Margaret Melville seconded it. The meeting was adjourned. **The next meeting will be held at the Florence B. Dearing Museum on February 11th.**

**Paperwork Distributed:** Minutes from the December meeting and financial reports.