

HARTLAND AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 9, 2012

- I, II. Board Members Present:** Hildy Foley, Bill McDevitt, Barbara Krueger, Diana Wells, Shyrl Cone, Kathie Horning
Also Present: Bob Ruby, Emma Winegarner
Absent: Janet Frick, John Wiese, Michael Forster

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

- III. Opening Remarks (President):** We have gotten a couple of donations and friends of the museum will pay to put in insulation. (John Endebrook will get estimates.) John should be starting the doors this week. Diana asked about pictures being taken for the newsletter and website. We can access the building for the Ice Cream Social, even if he is working.

Hildy said there's a museum in Hamburg that we should visit (open Saturday 1-4, downtown Hamburg on Stone Street); there are many ideas we could use. The more we can visit other museums and get ideas, the better. Hildy also visited the Fenton museum and will go to Hadley this weekend.

Barb Krueger has been at our museum every Sunday, and Hildy has been here every Wednesday. It has been quiet except for yesterday. It is much easier having everything labeled. We used to have a booklet, and maybe we should recreate it. Diana Wells has taken some pictures and will label them. Bill McDevitt mentioned that some labels have fallen off and need to be replaced. Emma said some things have been put out that don't have tags. Discussion took place regarding student groups and whether or not it would be second graders. Shyrl will pursue discussion with second and third grade teachers. The general opinion is that second graders are too young for the experience. Only about 10% of the students that came through were interested in the tour. Shyrl suggested communicating observations to the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, as the people leading the tours have worked with both second- and third-grade students.

- IV. Approval of Minutes from June 11, 2012 Meeting:** Barb Krueger made a motion to accept the minutes as written, and Diana Wells seconded it. The motion carried.

- V. Financial Report:** Barb Krueger distributed the report and reviewed checks written (see attached report). The beginning balance (June 14th) for the checking account was \$13,193.16, and the ending balance for the checking account as of July 7, 2012 is \$12,865.68. The money market balance is just slightly higher than last month due to a few cents of interest (the statement hasn't arrived). She explained that she had noticed that the fire extinguishers were out of date and so were taken care of and one was added per the fire department. A new deposit stamp was

purchased. We had a credit from Consumers Power so the bill was small, and a rebate is in process for the sales tax that has been paid. Barb requested that Shyrl resend the Quicken data now that she has a new computer. Barb has been working on our graduation pictures. A discussion was held with regard to displays of photos. Consideration should be given to what is missing and possible additional displays. Kathie Horning made a motion to accept the financial report, and Bill McDevitt seconded it. Motion carried.

VI. Webmaster's Report: Bob Ruby reported that he has set up the Facebook group and members are being added. We will set up a Facebook location for the museum and put a link to a Google map on the website as well. Bob asked Diana Wells if she could forward some of the newsletters in PDF format to put on the website.

VII. Collections Report: Emma Winegarner reported that most everything is out of the old high school and back at the museum. All artifacts are here except for the photos that Nadine Cloutier has. There are some miscellaneous items left to collect (like 25 boxes of books and a file cabinet). Storage concerns were discussed.

Emma reported that we have received three chairs from the Methodist Episcopal Church in Parshallville. They were donated by Wesley Walker. They need some restoration (cleaning and re-upholstering). The armchair is believed to be original to the church, built in 1875. Emma contacted Margaret Drake, the wife of a minister from that location, who was able to share some photographs in the church that show the chairs.

Bob talked about contact with the woman who sent pictures of Hartland to Barb, and she has others that will be sent to us.

The board talked about the need for a work day and completing stripping wallpaper as well as painting. Emma mentioned that Pat Schleh has volunteered to help with collections.

VIII. Newsletter: Diana Wells states that she plans to have the new newsletter out prior to Heritage Day, with a deadline of August 15. She would like to have articles.

IX. Ice Cream Social (July 22): The day of the Ice Cream Social, Thyme Well Spent will be having a jewelry sale, and Diana will make a poster to advertise it. Many board members will be out of town that weekend. Bob and Shyrl will bring over a large cooler to be used. Supplies need to be inventoried. We will need ice and dry ice, and there is water to be sold that day.

X. Future Fund Raisers and Related Discussion: Emma brought in pricing for the banquet hall rental and menus with prices from Tyrone Hills Golf Club. Shyrl Cone shared that Dunham Hills Golf Club would not charge for the hall. We

need to look at when Lent is, school holidays, etc.. All information needs to be collected and discussed at the August meeting so that it can be decided by September. Hildy said the membership roster needs to be updated, and Kathie said that it is up to date per Kathie Horning, although it may need to be purged.

X. Comments from Board Members: Barb Krueger said that the alumni used to be able to come to the museum on the day of the alumni banquet and that it should happen again. Phil MacBride wants to bring family over when they have the Crouse family reunion. Bob asked if there was an alumni association. Carolyn Lynch is the secretary and will be approached about putting something in their literature. Discussion was held regarding carrying the pictures over to the banquet along with some books. This may bring donations and new members.

Shyrl was asked to check to see if November 8th is available at Hartland UMC for the fall potluck. Books (both the history book and the Galbraith book) need to be available at the fall meeting for people to look through.

Genealogy will be the subject of the meeting, and a flatbed scanner will be brought to the meeting. If the date is not available, the 15th is a second choice.

Barb asked Emma if she was thinking about a new exhibit. Maybe the thimbles will be displayed, after the gift form is signed by Tom. In the Township Hall, Kathie and Mike have put in some new artifacts from their personal collections. In the museum, the military display will likely come down, but the big haberdashery cabinet may be used for a Civil War display, and hats may be put in the drawers. Two important thoughts were that the displays should revolve, and that the artifacts' locations would be noted.

Barb brought up what to do if there was an emergency, such as a fire. Discussion followed about keys. Too many people have door keys, but perhaps not enough have keys to the cupboards and cabinets. An alarm system was talked about, and Tom Parshall had mentioned putting one in.

Diana brought up doing a newsletter via e-mail. She asked Bob if he would coordinate a distribution list. Bill asked about creating documents within the group. She also asked about getting more paint, and Barb and Hildy said one of them would do it. She mentioned that we would need a plaque for the door and this would be revisited later.

Hildy said that the house behind the museum would be put up for sale soon and we could possibly purchase it as an additional display area, storage, gift shop, maybe even an eating area.

Shyrl mentioned that she had talked with Kay Fountain about the Teen Center and possible involvement with the society, and Barb said that she had been in conversation with Paul Sheidler regarding student involvement. A teen group is a possibility to consider.

XI. Meeting Adjournment: Barb made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 pm and Diana Wells seconded it. The meeting was adjourned. **The next meeting will be held at the Florence B. Dearing Museum on August 13, 2012.**

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