

HARTLAND AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 11, 2013

- I., II. Board Members Present:** Shyrl Cone ('14), Hildy Foley ('13), Barbara Krueger ('15), Bill McDevitt ('13), Mike Forster ('15), Diana Wells
Also Present: Bob Ruby, Emma Winegarner
Members Absent: Margaret Melville ('14), Janet Frick ('15), John Wiese ('13)
The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.
- III. Opening Remarks -President (Hildy Foley):** Hildy Foley talked about a visit to the township to discuss the possibility of supporting the museum. They said they could do something but not directly. The result is unclear at this point.
- We have had trouble with the door, and John Endebrook has been out to fix it. He looked at the back door to see about putting a doorknob on it. John Wiese said he has someone lined up to look at our foundation once the weather improves.
- IV. Approval of Minutes from February 11, 2013 Meeting - Secretary (Shyrl Cone):** Barb Krueger made a motion to accept the minutes. Bill McDevitt seconded it. The motion carried.
- V. Financial Report - Treasurer (Barbara Krueger):** Barb Krueger reported that we had an ending balance of \$1787.17 in the checking account and \$15,502.26 in the money market account. She addressed the issue of finding support from the township. One township in Oakland County got a millage passed to get monetary support. This might be an option. Hildy Foley asked if the sales tax had been paid, and Barb said that she had. Hildy then asked about whether or not we pay sales tax on everything, then Emma Winegarner said that everything that is sold and taken home for personal use is taxable. Shyrl Cone clarified that we have collected sales tax as part of the price of the products sold (so 94% of the price is ours and 6% is tax). The question came up as to whether or not the silent auction items were taxable. Emma Winegarner asked whether or not the 990-N income tax had been filed last year, and Barb said she would look into it. Bill McDevitt approved the report; Mike Forster seconded it. The motion carried.
- VI. Vice President's Report (Bill McDevitt):** Bill McDevitt brought up the idea of having evening hours and suggested perhaps staying open on Wednesday evenings when Cromaine has their concerts. Hildy Foley suggested on June 19th being open from 2:00-6:30. Bill talked also about opening the museum up during his 30th high school reunion this July to get some donations and memberships. More details will be forthcoming.
- VII. Editor's Report (Diana Wells):** Diana Wells said that the newsletter would go out in the beginning of May and would need to have materials by our next meeting. Bob Ruby confirmed that the by-laws changes would be in the next newsletter.
- VIII. Curator's Report (Mike Forster) and Registrar's Report (Emma Winegarner):** Emma reported that she is getting more pictures back from Nadine and that Nadine said she could see the end of the project nearing. The total number of pictures in the collection is available in the software. Pictures are saved as TIF and jPeg files. There was discussion about the slideshow at the gala and how much people enjoyed them. Mike Forster purchased seven mannequin forms for use in displays. Hildy Foley talked about displaying

wedding dresses in June at the museum. She said that the woman who does talks on vintage clothing is solidly booked for April, May and June.

IX. Webmaster/Genealogist's Report (Robert Ruby): Robert Ruby updated the website to reflect the new hours and changed the splash page. He will update the mailing list to reflect those who want e-mail rather than paper copies of the newsletter. He is also going to contact Mabel Render about attending the senior banquet this spring.

X. New Business: Hildy Foley said everyone needed to come up with a fundraiser. Shyrl Cone brought up again the idea of going to Variety Farms in the fall for a hayride. Barb Krueger suggested raising some money at the annual meeting, such as a raffle. The board members were charged with coming up with additional fundraising opportunities for the next meeting.

The next discussion item referred to a nominating committee for new board members. Several names were suggested for this committee. Three are needed. Hildy said she would call those people.

The annual meeting will be in May, and the targeted date is May 16th. Hildy will talk with Steve Stanford about the date, and Shyrl Cone will communicate with Hartland UMC.

On Memorial Day, the museum will be open from 10-12 and 1-3. We will have the mail truck this year from Marshall.

We will have to make plans for the ice cream social, and it's possible to tie it in to the reunion weekend, which would put it on July 20th.

With regard to Heritage Day, there will be a meeting on March 14th at 6:30 at the museum.

On the first Friday of April, there is a meeting in Lansing about selling items from the museum that Barbara Krueger announced. In addition, she shared information about a meeting in Flint in June about fundraising.

XV. Meeting Adjournment: Mike Forster made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 pm and Diana Wells seconded it. The meeting was adjourned. **The next meeting be held at the Florence B. Dearing Museum on April 8th.**

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