

HARTLAND AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 12, 2012

- I., II. **Board Members Present:** Shyrl Cone, Hildy Foley, Barbara Krueger, Bill McDevitt, John Wiese, Janet Frick
Also Present: Marilisa Prevatt
Absent: Mike Forster, Margaret Melville, Diana Wells
The meeting was called to order at 7:47 pm.

III. **Opening Remarks (President):** The meeting was called to order upon the arrival of Shyrl Cone, making a quorum possible. Prior to the meeting beginning, Carol Taggart, from Cromaine Library, had visited again, regarding the special exhibit occurring in January. Time Wiles had also come to talk about possible work to be done on the museum building. During the month of January (and the first Saturday in February), the museum will be open from 10-3 on Saturday. In addition, there will be a program at the museum on January 28th featuring Eunice Epley.

III. **Approval of Minutes from October 15, 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 \$8,332 in checking and approximately \$15,000 in savings. Barb stated that John Endenbrock completed the electrical work needed to separate the upstairs from the downstairs light switches. Bill McDevitt made a motion to accept the report, and John Wiese seconded it. The motion carried.

V. **Vice President's Report:** Bill McDevitt reported that movie night will be attempted at another time of year.

He reported on a small museum network meeting recently attended in Flint where he learned about "Tech Soup" discount software and hardware. He also suggested that we explore Twitter, if for no other reason than to keep our name. He announced that we can now accept credit cards at the museum with a device called "Square Up," that functions as a small credit card machine from a smart phone. (2.7% of any sale goes to Square Up.) QR codes are an option for exhibits (codes that can be scanned in on a smart phone and then information will be displayed about an exhibit). Bill also learned about "Collective Access," similar to Past Perfect, for collection information.

Other items of discussion included online printing for some large publications, night hours possible in the future, and a "suitcase ramp," making our museum wheelchair-accessible for events, costing about \$200. John Wiese suggested verifying our liability prior to utilizing a temporary structure such as that.

- VI. By-Laws Committee:** None presented.
- VII. Curator and Registrar's Report:** None presented.
- VIII. February 15th Fundraiser:** Tickets are available. There will be a 6:00 reception and 7:00 dinner. The theme is "Love Stories," and members are encouraged to bring pictures, love letters, etc. The members present proofread the invitation and recommended a couple of minor changes. Pictures of work done will be displayed at the fundraiser. Tickets will be offered to major donors.
- IX. Building Repairs/Other/Comments from Board Members:** The membership roster is not updated. It will be put into Google docs for updating and viewing by Board members. Hildy needs 3 sets of labels run by the beginning of December. As the roster is updated and e-mails are confirmed, we will convert to using electronic newsletters where possible.

With regard to pictures, there is no update from Nadine Cloutier as to the status of the scanning work in progress. The need for an inventory of all graphic materials was discussed.

Meetings will be held downstairs for security purposes, but the Society is acquiring new tables in the work area from Tyrone Township via Bill McEachern.

John Endenbrock has quoted a price for insulation and Barb Krueger will share the information at the next meeting.

The Clark Road Farm is completely demolished. We are welcome to visit with metal detectors if we'd like.

- XIII. Meeting Adjournment:** Barb Krueger made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm and Bill McDevitt seconded it. The meeting was adjourned. **The next meeting will be held at the Florence B. Dearing Museum on December 10th.**

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