

HARTLAND AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
October 15, 2012

**I., II. Board Members Present:** Shyrl Cone, Hildy Foley, Barbara Krueger, Bill McDevitt, Diana Wells, John Wiese, Margaret Melville, Janet Frick

**Also Present:** Bob Ruby

**Absent:** Mike Forster

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm.

**III. Opening Remarks (President):** Hildy reported that the doors are done, as are the closet and cupboards upstairs. They are cedar-lined and have pull-out shelves. We need a stepladder and to put in an outlet. She made reference to the doors and closets having been paid. Sharon Hilquist donated \$4000 for outside painting to be done in the spring. We also received \$500 from Mares and Charles Heichter. (Side note: there may be an encapsulation issue with painting, due to lead. Diana has a painter to recommend when we are ready to proceed.)

**III. Approval of Minutes from September 10, 2012 Meeting:** Janet Frick 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 \$4941.77 in checking and \$15,499.02 in savings. John Weise made a motion to accept the report, and Bill seconded it. The motion carried.

**V. Vice President's Report:** Bill McDevitt reported his visit to the Tawas museum, during which he learned the consequences of not properly de-accessioning artifacts.

He requested help with the movie night.

**VI. Curator's Report:** None presented.

**VII. Registrar's Report:** None presented.

**VIII. By-Laws Committee:** There was a discussion regarding the six appointed positions and that the new board each spring should decide who's going to fill those positions.

**IX. Status of the Stored Photos:** Margaret Melville suggested requesting a list of what is out of the museum at this time, since we are accountable for it.

**X. Webmaster/Genealogist's Report:** Bob Ruby reported that he is working on making the website responsive to different types of devices. He is ready for the

November 8<sup>th</sup> Potluck and will contact Howard Armstrong regarding his participation in that meeting.

- XI. Editor's Report:** Diana Wells reported that she needs information for the next newsletter, including pictures from Heritage Day. She will gather some from her contacts at the Press and Argus.
- XII. Upcoming Events:** There will be a work day on October 20, for dusting, sweeping, etc., from 10:45-1:00. Candy will be handed out from the museum on Halloween, and the Potluck is planned for November 8<sup>th</sup>. Hildy did an article for Community Life, inviting all community members. A PO box will be raffled off at that meeting and at the gala. The gala will be held on either the 8<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> of February at Waldenwoods, where the price will be lower than last year. The theme will be Love Stories, using wedding photos. Discussion ensued regarding getting a florist to donate flower arrangements, having wedding cake for dessert, and decorating with wedding cake toppers. The tickets will be \$50 each. Diana will handle tickets, and we need a Community Life article submitted by the beginning of December to meet the deadline.
- XIII. Building Repairs/Other/Comments from Board Members:** The roof on the back must be repaired before the snow falls. John Endebrook submitted a quote for the roof and for insulation (which will be paid for by an anonymous donor). That quote and one from Ethical Exteriors are attached to these minutes. Ethical Exteriors also offers a discount for work done after December 1<sup>st</sup>. John Weise recommended that whatever is decided, ice and water shield should be used on the whole area. A decision will be made at the next meeting.

Another repair concern is that there is a hole where rocks are falling in at a low spot in the foundation on the north side of the building. We may need to tarp it but it's going to need work. It will be looked at in daylight.

Wiring needs to be fixed so that the lights don't have to be on downstairs in order for lights to work upstairs.

The board discussed special activities and exhibits. Is it possible that Sloan or the Michigan Archaeological Society could loan items? Could we do something special with looms, textiles, about Mabel Steinacker? We could use the case in the lower level for revolving displays. (Bill found a loom museum in California and contacted them about our green loom; no joy, though, as they wanted us to ship it to them so they could sell it.)

Margaret wrote a grant for the doors, breaking down as follows: \$1225 to come from the Michigan State Questors and \$625 from the Hartland Stagecoach Questors, for a total of \$1850.

Hildy challenged us to continue thinking about ways to raise money.

**XIII. Meeting Adjournment:** Diana made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:3 pm and Bill McDevitt seconded it. The meeting was adjourned. **The next meeting will be held at the Florence B. Dearing Museum on November 12<sup>th</sup>.**

**Paperwork Distributed:** Minutes from the September meeting, financial reports and roof quotes.