

**HARTLAND AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES (APPROVED)**

October 14, 2013

I. Attendance:

Board Members Present: John Ellis (14), Janet Frick (15), Mike Forster (15), Hildy Foley (16), Margaret Melville (14), John Wiese (16); Diana Wells (14)

Also Present:

Absent: Nancy Nawrocki (15)

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

II. President's Remarks

H. Foley reported on the continuing repairs and maintenance of the museum. Possible donations are being explored for the upstairs painting and gutter work. M. Melville will strip the wall paper in anticipation of the Questers coming on October 22. The office needs a new computer, scanner and printer and it is hoped donations can be raised for the expense. The society thanked donor Sharon Hillquist with a plaque presented by H. Foley, M. Forster, and J. Wiese. The high school shop teacher approached us about the class constructing and donating display cases and shelving for the museum. The museum will purchase cedar roping for holiday decorations. About 200 people attended Heritage Day between 2pm and 4pm and there were good donations and sales. H. Foley thanked M. Melville for her work on Heritage Day.

H. Foley informed the board of an incident involving herself and Bill McDevitt which took place at the museum on September 28th 2013. B. McDevitt arrived during museum hours and took miscellaneous supplies that he claimed he had donated to the museum and angrily confronted H. Foley while she was serving as a docent. The Michigan State Police were called and informed of the incident.

III. Minutes from 12 August 2013

D. Wells motioned to accept the minutes. Seconded. Approved.

IV. Financial Report (M. Forster)

M. Forster distributed and discussed the financial report. J. Frick motioned to accept the report. Seconded. Approved.

V. Editor's Report (D. Wells)

The board thanked D. Wells for her work on the newsletter. D. Wells requested content for the next newsletter and photographs. Disposable digital cameras will be purchased for use on Halloween.

VI. New Business

D. Wells will provide spooky music and candy with museum labels for Halloween. J. Wiese will put up lights.

The distribution of posters announcing the tea fund raiser was discussed. Things will be needed for the silent auction and can be dropped off at the museum. The silent auction will take place at the museum and M. Melville will collect the funds. M. Forster and J. Frick will provide musical entertainment and J. Ellis will be master of ceremonies. The program will run between 7 pm and 9 pm, Wednesday, November 13.

There were discussions of various issues, including: photo policy; acquiring a Livingston County atlas that Howell Historical Society is selling; participating in National Museum Day next year; selling bricks as a fund raiser.

The need for a frame or case for the WWII service flag was discussed. M. VanAcker (a state expert on flags) and Pam Yockey will be contacted.

M. Melville motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 805 pm.