

Delaware County Historical Association Board Meeting
Friday, April 8, 2016 10:00am

Present: Barbara Coleman, Dick Meyer, Roy Scrimshaw Mike Wood and Tim Duerden.
Minutes taken by Angela Gaffney.

Absent: Cheryl Boyd, Peggy Kearney and Tom Kendall

NYSEG – Lime – Tim reports we got an estimate from NYSEG to replace the lightbulbs with LED lights. NYSEG will pay 70% of total costs. DCHA would need to pay \$1,563 and NYSEG \$3,628. Roy thinks it is a good deal. Tim explains it would cover all the lights except one room upstairs which has lightbulbs they do not have. An added bonus is that LED lights do not emit UV rays. NYSEG will do all the work. A crew comes in and replaces the light bulbs. Mike makes a motion to accept this proposal. Roy seconds. All in favor.

I. Review of March 2016 minutes

Barbara makes a motion to accept the minutes as read. Roy seconds. All in favor.

II. Committee Reports

Collections – Angela reports we were contacted about a Delhi Coverlet in Canada. It is red and white. They may bring come in June to show it to us. Tim reports we were donated a copy of *Spans of Time* by Ward Herrmann. The donor said if we already had a copy we could use it as a fundraiser. We already have a copy, so we are using it as this year's raffle item.

Physical Plant – Frisbee House roof – Tim reports to update Roy. We signed the contract with Lee Cohen at the last meeting and gave him a down payment. Discussion on what will be done and materials used. Tim reports Lee has hired Bill Stone to do the chimney work. He has given a quote of \$1,300 to repoint the main chimneys and take down and rebuild the kitchen chimney. Dick asks if we checked with Curtis about getting a discount on supplies. Tim reports Lee Cohen had ordered the shingles the day after meeting before Tim could check on discount. Cohen had gotten a good deal. Tim reports on money raised. O'Connor has promised \$20,000. We received \$1,000 from Fenimore Asset Management. Haven't heard anything from Tianaderrah. The appeal letter has raised \$7,500 and we've been promised another \$500. **County Shopper** – Kim Shepherd from the *County Shopper* got the roof appeal letter and contacted Tim offering to make a tee shirt to be used as a fundraiser for the roof. All they needed was a picture of the Frisbee House. Tim sent them a photo of the house. They converted it into a black and white sketch. Tim shows the mock up. The picture of the house will be on the front and the back will read "I helped raise the roof and preserved our history" Dick reports he got a postcard from the Thomas Cole House. It shows an early picture of the house and a current one. Thought we could do something similar for the Frisbee House. Tim mentions he thought of asking for money on Facebook but wasn't sure if it was appropriate. Barbara suggests using Facebook to advertise the fundraising tee shirt.

Programs, Publications & Exhibits – Quilts – Mike returned the quilts from the Sidney Library. Reports everyone was very happy. Would like to do something every spring. Dick suggests including furniture, Meade – Tim reports the Walte Meade exhibit

that had been at the CWC was returned and it will be going to the Delaware National Bank in Delhi in June. Ballantine Exhibit – Opens tonight with a wine and cheese reception 4 – 6pm. George will be here for the opening. He is turning 94 this month. Arcadia book – Tim reports he got an email of the proofs for the book they need to be returned by next Wednesday. There doesn't look to be a lot of changes. Hope to get it in the mail tomorrow.

Public Relations – Community Directory – Ray wrote the article for the *Community Directory* about the history of newspapers in Delaware County. They used images from DCHA. **Daily Star** – Monday issue had an “On the Bright Side” article on George Ballantine.

Finance – Annual Review has been received. Cost \$3,500.
Received the following dividends: TUA \$5,500; Henderson \$700; FAM \$5,894
As of April 8 we have \$40,062 in our general checking account

III. Director's Report

D'Imperio talk – is tomorrow at 2pm. On his book about food in Upstate NY.

Quilt workshop – on Saturday April 23rd.

Bus Trip – we have 22 people signed up. The trip is June 9th.

IV. Old Business

Roy asks about state money. Suggests talking to Liz at HMM - where do they get their state money?

P3 – June 1st and 3rd. Mike asks if we contact the schools or do they contact us. Tim explains he sends out letters to the schools. A few have contacted DCHA before they get the letter.

V. New Business

Auto Run – Tim reports. Robert Selkowitz, an artist from Ulster County, is into old cars. There was an Endurance Run in 1903 that had cars drive from NYC to Buffalo to Pittsburgh. It came through the Catskills, through Delhi and Franklin. The run was to highlight new roads in the Catskills. In 1903 there was so much rain the run was nicknamed the “Mud Lark.” Robert wants to collaborate with DCHA to produce an exhibit, brochure and programing to remember the endurance run. He needs a non-profit to be his sponsor. He will do all the leg work. Hopes to have an event in the Fall of 2017 to commemorate the run.

Next Board Meeting: Friday May 13, 2016

11:07am – Barbara makes motion to adjourn the meeting. Roy seconds. All in favor.