

Delaware County Historical Association Board Meeting
Friday, October 14, 2016 10:00am

Present: Barbara Coleman, Roy Scrimshaw (arrived 10:40am), Dick Meyer and Mike Wood and Tim Duerden. Guests: Ginny Sanford and Kay Parisi-Hampel. Minutes taken by Angela Gaffney.

Absent: Cheryl Boyd, Peggy Kearney, Tom Kendall

Welcome Ginny Sanford and Kay Parisi-Hampel

Tim welcomes Ginny and Kay. Thank you for coming. Generally after this, if you are interested in becoming a board member, you would be invited to the annual meeting and that is where you would be voted in.

Dick asks how to deal with the absence of Cheryl. Mike suggests writing a letter, thanking her for her service, but due to her absence for a year perhaps she may want to step down.

I. Review of September 2016 minutes

Dick requests a correction. He was here at the last meeting.

II. Committee Reports

Collections – Clara Stewart materials – Angela reports: Clara Stewart is moving and she donated a few toys from her childhood, including a Shirley Temple doll, and a doll travel trunk. She also donated her Delhi coverlet, a Holmes coverlet. It is in very good condition. Clara donated a few quilts with archival boxes and a selection of china used on the family farm in the town of Meredith. **Decoy** – Angela reports: Mr. Dibble from Bovina donated a turkey decoy made by Ward Herrmann. This is the first Herrmann decoy DCHA will have in collections. Turkey decoys are also rare.

Physical Plant – Trees – Tim reports: The tree work is halfway done with the tree work. Jim Orezza came and took down a few trees, one by the outhouse and one in front of the large gallery. He trimmed a few others. He could not do the one in the cemetery. Recommended Pasternack who has a bucket truck - could do the work. Pasternack gave a quote for \$900. He can do the work in early November. Mike looked what has been done so far and says it looks good.

Frisbee House – Tim reports: We are still waiting for a quote on the plaster work by the George Powers Company. Have received half of what DCHA asked for from the Thompson trust and they said if they have any more money at the end of the year they may give us more. Tim is meeting with someone from the Burchan Trust on Monday. He has asked them for \$5,000 for the plaster work. Hoping to raise \$10,000.

Programs, Publications & Exhibits – Newsletter – Tim reports: Fall newsletter went out in September had the calendar in it. **Women's book** – Tim reports: the book is moving forward. Explains the project to Ginny and Kay. Hope to get the book out by December.

Public Relations – newspaper articles – Tim reports: a few articles have appeared on different events, including the Auto Run. Ray and Tim did a presentation at

the Sidney Library for the Arcadia book. Mike reports he heard an ad on the Radio for Diane's talk this weekend.

Finance –

2017 Budget discussion postponed until Roy arrives.

Tim reports: As of October 14 we have \$34,000 in our general checking account. Endowment drive has brought in \$4,330 so far. Investment Income received: FAM - \$4,801; TUA – \$5,500; Henderson - \$700; Dick explains what FAM is to Ginny and Kay.

III. Director's Report

Bus trip – \$1,674 raised from the West Point trip. We had a waiting list of 17 people, so we might do the trip again next year. Barbara suggests finding a different place to eat. Not impressed with the food. The Schemerhorns got another suggestion for lunch, the Thayer house.

10:40am Roy arrives

Fuel Oil – Tim called around and signed up with Allison Oil. Price will not go over \$1.89 a gallon and if it goes lower than that we will pay the lower price.

IV. Old Business

Awards of Merit & Annual Meeting – Tim reports: the Annual meeting is Sunday November 6th at 1pm. Pot luck. Mike will try to bring cider. Dick says Joan will bring turkey. Barbara will bring ham. Tim explains Bill Birns from New Kingston will be the speaker. Tim hands out copies of the 4 nominations for the Award of Merit we have gotten so far. The deadline is Oct. 21st. Suggest everyone take them home to read and call or e-mail who they want. Tim will send copies to Tom and Peggy. Those nominated: Schemerhorns (who received one last year); Loretta Foster (never got one) Hamden town historian, for her work on preserving the one-room school house; Ginny Scheer for years of preserving the folklife of the region; Alice Blackman of Hamden, may have proven baseball was invented in Hamden. Roy suggests, pending no new nominations we should go with all but the Schemerhorns, since they just got one. All agree.

V. New Business

Dick reports in the last Executive meeting. In place of written review Mike made a motion and Barbara seconded all agreed. That they were satisfied with the work Tim and the employees of DCHA are doing. Pleased to see things run smoothly.

Budget – Roy reports: hands out copies of budget. Not much of a change compared to last year. Discussion on budget. Minor corrections made. Roy makes a motion to accept the budget. Mike seconds. All agree.

Dick asks for a motion to accept the minutes with the correction discussed earlier. Mike makes a motion. Roy seconds. All agree.

Next Board Meeting: Sunday November 6, 2016

Tim invites Kay and Ginny to join us at the Annual meeting on Nov. 6th if they would like to join the board. A formal motion will be made then and they can be voted in.

11:20am- meeting adjourned.