

**Delaware County Historical Association Board Meeting**  
**Friday, March 6, 2015 10:00am**

**Present:** Cheryl Boyd (arrives 10:20am), Barbara Coleman, Linda DeWitt, Tom Kendall, Dick Meyer, Roy Scrimshaw, Mike Wood, and Tim Duerden. Minutes taken by Angela Gaffney.

**Absent:** Lillian Browne, Peggy Kearney and Frank Waterman.

**Review of January 2015 minutes**

Tim checks to see if once the minutes are approved the minutes will be put on DCHA's website. All agree. Tom makes a motion to accept the minutes. Roy seconds. All in favor.

**Committee Reports**

**Collections – no report**

**Physical Plant** – Tim reports the heat is not working in the large gallery. This has happened before when it is really cold. We will have to have the basket workshop in the small gallery tomorrow (Saturday). Mike reports he is still trying to get Kathleen LaFrank to do a program in Sidney on Historic Preservation tax credits. Mike leaves a folder on the tax credits for Tim to look over.

**Programs, Publications & Exhibits** – Tim reports: *Hats Off Exhibit* was completed last night the official opening is today at 4pm. Mike reports: **Quilts** were hung at the Sidney Library. Getting a good response already. Everyone likes them.

**Public Relations** – Tim reports: **WIOX** – Tim did an interview with WIOX the Roxbury station. He talked about Delaware County History and DCHA programs. **Chris Altmann Magazine** – DCHA was featured in the latest on-line magazine. **Reporter** – new reporter Scott Payne did an article on the quilt exhibit before it ended. He is also did an article on the Civil War Monument. Cheryl mentions Lillian is back in town. *Delaware County Times* is sending someone to cover the opening.

**Finance** – Roy reports: year-to-date we are -\$386. So far this year we have received \$24,268 in Foundation grants and bequests, and have paid out \$23,809 in salary and insurance for 5 pay periods. Insurance is not cheap. Suggestion to look for cheaper insurance. Tim reports in January he was contacted by MANG and asked to fill out a bunch of questionnaires to look for a better insurance rate. Tim reports O'Connor has promised \$20,000 in GOE this year. Tim reports we received \$12,000 from Santora. \$2,000 is GOE we get every year, \$6,000 is for the Civil War Reenactment and \$4,000 for P3. Roy reports we received about \$12,000 from Fenimore and DNB endowment.

As of March 6 we have \$32,728 in our general checking account

Tim reports: **County Funding** - DCHA has been promised \$9,000 GOE, not received yet. Tim reports: **Annual Appeal Drive** has raised \$6,485 since Nov. The second letter went out in January.

**10:35am – 11:05am - EXECUTIVE MEETING**

**Director's Report**

**Winter workshops** are going well. Quilt workshop in Feb. was full and we have 7 for the basket workshop this Saturday. Have 5 on standby. We will do another one in the fall. A weaving workshop will be at the end of March.

**144<sup>th</sup> Golf Tournament** is being organized by Brian Cornell to fundraise for the Civil War Reenactment. Scheduled for Friday, May 22. We will split the proceeds. We will need volunteers on the day of the event.

**WIM Workshops** – Writers in the Mountains workshops at DCHA on Monday evenings from 6 – 8pm for 6 weeks. Lead by Lynn Domina an English teacher at SUNY Delhi. They did this last spring also.

**June bus trip** – June 11 to Seward House in Auburn then lunch and cruise on Skaneateles Lake. We have 11 people signed up.

**Old Business**

**History Conference** – April 25<sup>th</sup> will get the invites out in a week or two. Sonia Janiszewski is the new Tourism person at the Delaware County Chamber of Commerce, she is going to talk on that and the *Power of History* website. Ray will talk about town historians using social media, blogs etc. Would also like to get some self-published authors of history books, like Jim Meagley, Frank Waterman to have a roundtable discussion on publishing books. Tim reminds if was suggested to have in the invite that we are looking for board members. Dick suggests Kay Parisi-Hampel. Tim asks if he should send a formal letter asking if she would be interested in joining the board. All agree this is a good idea.

**New Business**

Roy mentions a Chamber of Commerce event on the Legion on March 14<sup>th</sup> - a Business Expo. Has DCHA heard about it, been invited? No.

**Next Board Meeting: Friday April 10, 2015 – 10am**

11:30pm Linda makes a motion to adjourn, Roy seconds. All in favor.