

**Delaware County Historical Association Board Meeting**  
**Friday May 11, 2018 10:00am**

**Present:** Sheila Ayres, Peggy Kearney, Dick Meyer, Kay Parisi-Hampel, Ginny Sanford, Roy Scrimshaw, Mike Wood and Tim Duerden. Minutes taken by Angela Gaffney.

**Absent:** Barbara Coleman, Tom Kendall

Dick reads an email from Tom who is resigning due to health problems in the family. Peggy suggests to wait and see what happens, would like to see Tom come back. Roy makes a motion to maintain the board as is until Tom knows what is going on. Sheila amends plus elect a new VP. Ginny seconds. All in favor. Peggy proposed Mike as VP. Mike declines. Mike suggests Sheila. Ginny makes a motion to elect Sheila as VP. Peggy seconds. All in favor. Tim will reply to Tom's email.

**I. Review of April 2018 minutes**

Peggy make a motion to accept the minutes. Ginny seconds. All in favor.

**II. Committee Reports**

**Collections – Portraits** – Angela reports we received portraits of the Bloodgoods from Arena. Tim shows the portraits. They are in very good condition. **Sewing machine** – Angela reports Sue Pearson donated her mother's sewing machine. It is in very good condition.

**Physical Plant – FRH** – Tim reports they have begun scraping the house. Estimate it will take 2 weeks. Paid \$9,000 up front. **HVAC** – Tim reports Kiffs began installing the new heating and air upstairs in the attic. They need one more piece that is to arrive between the 17<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of this month. **Tree** – Tim reports he has been in contact with Asplundh to take down the tree in the cemetery. Just waiting to hear when. Mike reports there are two locust trees and one maple in front of the Frisbee house that need to be taken down. **Garden** – Sheila reports a few years ago it had been discussed to put in an historic garden. She spoke with Cornell Co-operative Extension and they have a Master Gardeners Program, and a program that works with kids to tend the garden and learn. Sheila and someone from Cornell Co-op came last week & found a site for a 6 x 12 foot garden outside the Frisbee House. Between the house and the nature trail. The garden would have a fence around it and a path through it. They would plant hops, Brussel sprouts, poll beans, kale and herbs. Tim asks what the time frame is. Sheila says they would like to get the garden in in June. Dick asks if the garden will cost DCHA anything. Sheila explains no, Cornell Co-op has a grant. We would just need volunteers to help maintain it. Roy asks if the garden should wait until after the drainage is done. He has not gotten in touch with LaFever yet. Tim reminds we did get one quote. Discussion on drainage and landscaping. Need to have the grading done first before the garden is installed. After the meeting Sheila will show where they plan to have the garden.

**Programs, Publications & Exhibits – Hoyt Book** – Tim reports and shows proof of new book. Hoyt Diary and Letters.

**Public Relations** – Mike reports the Sidney Radio WCDO does a giveaway every morning. Suggests giving away tickets to the Civil War Event it would be free publicity. Tim will contact and offer to give a family of 4-5 free tickets.

**Finance** –

As of May 11 we have \$37,222 in our general checking account. Sheila requests a copy of the profit and loss. Dick requests a list of all checks that have been written in the past month. Roy reminds that he does the reconciling of the bank statements as a double check. Sheila would like a simple statement that shows what is coming in and what is going out. Mike says he doesn't need to see that, believes the money is going to the right place.

Tim reports: **TPD (county tourism) grants received** - \$5000 FRH & \$1000 Reenactment. We have raised about \$1,000 from individual donations and after a sponsorship letter went out we have raised another \$600.

**Annual Review (Audit)** – Tim reports he got the usual letter. Roy ask Tim to make sure they will do the credit and debt in QB for us.

### III. Director's Report

**June Bus trip** have 39 people signed up for a 47-seat bus. Should be able to fill the bus.

**Civil War Reenactment** – June 23 – 24. Have brochures for people to take to their area. Do we want to do the bake sale again? Yes. Request items that do not need refrigeration. All requested better signage so people know there is a bake sale going on. Cross Roads is doing the food again.

**CWC grant** – received word DCHA is getting a \$5,000 grant for Ira MacIntosh to do a series of music and other program around the county at historical societies. The programs are to run from September 2018 to September 2019.

**Produce, Preserve & Play** – P3 our 4<sup>th</sup> grade field trip days are June 6 & 8. Only 27 kids for Wed and 84 for Friday. Dick and Joan will be doing weaving.

### IV. Old Business

**Andrew Mann Inn talk** – Tim reports the talk went well, interesting.

**1918 presentation** – Tim reports Tim and Angela delivered a presentation at the Cannon Free Library for their 100-year anniversary. It went well.

**Volunteer workday** – was April 28<sup>th</sup>. Had a crew of Oneonta students and the Schermerhorns cleaned the cemetery. Went well.

**Film Premiere** – Last Saturday, had about 55 people. It was good. Dick reports it was a good film. Lots of relatives in the audience. Tim says we still have DVDs for sale. Tim says the next film is to be on Bob Wyer. Roy says he will contact one of Wyer's sons, might be coming in for the class reunion his summer.

### V. New Business

**Dairy Fest** – Tim reports we are signed up to go to the Dairy Fest June 9 & 10. We will sell books and hand out brochures.

**Summer opening** – Tim reports we open May 26<sup>th</sup>. There will be a short 10-minute film on WWI and Samantha will do a presentation on the WWI database DCHA has put together.

**Fire equipment event** – Tim reports Bill Cairns from Curtis Lumber is also a fireman. He asked Tim if DCHA would host a fall event of old fire trucks and equipment. It would be a fundraiser for DCHA and the Delhi Fire Department. Thinks it is a good idea. Waiting to hear back from Bill.

Dick asks if they want to change the colors of the Frisbee House. Show postcard where the house has white trim and columns. Discussion on paint. Sheila and Mike like the white trim. Sheila makes a motion that we paint the house as in the postcard. Roy seconds. All in favor. Give the postcard to the painter.

**Next Board Meeting: Friday June 15, 2018 @ 10am**

11:20am – Roy makes a motion to adjourn. Sheila seconds. All in favor. Meeting adjourned. Everyone goes out to look where they want to put the garden.