

**Delaware County Historical Association Board Meeting**  
**Friday July 14, 2017 10:00am**

**Present:** Barbara Coleman, Peggy Kearney, Tom Kendall, Dick Meyer, Kay Parisi-Hampel, Ginny Sanford, Roy Scrimshaw, and Tim Duerden. Minutes taken by Angela Gaffney.

**Absent:** Mike Wood

**I. Review of May 2017 minutes**

Tim reminds that we still need to vote on April minutes since there was not a quorum at the last meeting. Tom makes a motion to accept the April minutes, Roy seconds. Barbara abstains since she was not there. All agree.

Ginny makes a motion to accept the May minutes. Kay seconds. All agree.

**II. Committee Reports**

**Collections** – no report

**Physical Plant** – Tim reports: **Trees** – a few large branches came down in April. They have been chopped up. A couple were up at the Church. We are getting a volunteer to help clean up the cut up wood. Just last week a couple trees came down across the Nature Trail. We are looking for a volunteer to come clean it up. **Fence** – Pete and the mowing crew is replacing some of the fence on the other side of the tollgate. We pay for the materials, the labor is free. **Church** – We met with someone from Dexheimer Co. in May. The estimate of \$40,000 is just a base number to move the church without the steeple. This does not include the new foundation, taking the steeple off, cleaning up the site. And numerous other things. Would have to close the road, take down wires, etc. Barbara asks about the rental. Tim explains it has been listed on the Lumia website, but we have had no bites. Dick reminds the church needs painting. Should look in to that. Would not be able to do so until the fall or more likely next year. **Main bldg.** – we are currently without air conditioning upstairs, this is not good for the collections. We have gotten a quote from Kiff's for a new air conditioning unit. Waiting on a quote from Osterhoudt. We also have an estimate to upgrade the security system. It is 20 years old and out of date. Tim wrote a grant to Tianaderrah to cover this work. Roughly \$3,000 for the air and \$6-800 for the security. Tom makes a motion for Tim to get the security and air conditioning fixed. Barbara seconds. All in favor.

**Programs, Publications & Exhibits** – Tim reports: **Del. Co. exhibit** is done in the large gallery. **David Byrd exhibit opening – August 4** – Next exhibit is a guest exhibit. David Byrd, paintings. Brochures are in gift shop. **County Office Bldg.** – exhibit has been set up in the county building. Will be up through August. **Archives Magazine** – Tim has written two articles for the Archives Magazine. Both highlight Bob Wyer photos. **Anti-Rent book** – working the last couple weeks on the final formatting of our latest book. Anti-Rent war poems. Roger Hecht a professor from SUNY Oneonta has collected poems and songs from the 1840s. We are putting it into book form.

**Public Relations** – Barbara reports she saw good publicity in the *Reporter, Mt. Eagle, Daily Star*. *Mt. Eagle* had a good article on the Reenactment.

**Finance** – As of July 14 we have \$31,953 in our general checking account. Tim reports: DNB, TUA – \$5,500 & Henderson Trust – \$700; FAM – \$5,223; Burchan Trust – \$142.24; NBT – Lyon Mem. – \$447.76

Roy reports: Main expenses are payroll, insurance and programs. Have received the first two quarters of dividends from FAM and DNB endowment. See numbers above. Tim reports Brian from Delaware National Bank will come to the August meeting to review the investments. Peggy suggests Community Bank if we want to look at a different place to manage investments. Roy asks what DCHA has received from O'Connor this year. Tim report O'Connor has promised \$20,000 GOE for this year and again for next year. Tim just put in a draw for \$9,000 for this year. We have not received it yet.

### **III. Director's Report**

**June Bus trip** went well. Had 44 people and raised \$815. Peggy reports she was not happy with the bus. The seat was uncomfortable and it was a long trip not to have a stop in the middle. She reports the Schemerhorns are very good and the meal was good. The trip was excellently planned, the ride was the worst part. Roy asks if we are planning a trip to Scotland. Tim reports yes. Ray is planning it for fall of 2018. It will be a fundraiser for DCHA. It has been advertised in our newsletter.

**Fall bus trip** – looking at Fort Ticonderoga. Trip to the fort, lunch and then a boat ride. Had discussed a bus trip around Delaware County visiting some of the larger town historical societies.

### **IV. Old Business**

**P3** – Tim reports early June was our 4<sup>th</sup> grade program Produce, Preserve and Play. It went well. Lost about \$280. Only had 4 schools, in the past we have had up to 8 schools. There are also fewer kids. Question: has this program run its course? Kay explains the curriculum has changed. Suggestion to talk to the teachers, get some ideas. Open it to more grades? Tim explains school budgets are also cut, they are allowed fewer field trips.

**Civil War Reenactment** – Tim reports it was a success. We had about 450 visitors over the two days. And close to 100 reenactors. We did not lose any money. Made about \$94. This is the fourth year we have done it. First time Saturday was quieter than Sunday. This is our largest event. The expenses are the tents and port-a-potties. Already have plans to use the one tent more. Tom suggests could cut expenses if DCHA owned its own tents. Would need to be able to store it properly and learn how to set it up. Question: do we charge vendors? Tim no, we were hoping to build the event first. Originally tried to have the fire department do the food as a fundraiser. They couldn't, so we had CrossRoads Cafe. DCHA bake sale did okay. Raised about \$95 each day. Suggestion: next year no items that need to be refrigerated. Suggestion: sell advance tickets for a cheaper price than the day of. \$6 before, \$8 day of.

**V. New Business**

**Frisbee Evening** – Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup>. Invites went out this morning. Asking who is coming and what can they bring. Roy will do a ham and dessert and get ice from the legion. Sally will do a salad. Barbara will do a meat and cheese platter. Kay will do a main dish (pulled pork?). Peggy will do turkey.

**Department of Public Works** is looking for a new location to build a new garage. They have been looking at the old MacFarland place across the river. It would include building a bridge across the river direct from Elk Creek Road. If this happens it would/could negatively impact DCHA. Traffic, noise, destroyed view. Tim asks if DCHA as an organization should write a letter to the board of supervisors voicing our concerns. Tom makes a motion that Tim write a letter to that affect. Barbara seconds. All in favor. Tim will e-mail the letter to everyone first to get their approval.

**Next Board Meeting: Friday August 11, 2017 @ 10am**

11:30am Roy makes a motion to adjourn. Peggy seconds. All in favor.