

Delaware County Historical Association Board Meeting
Friday July 13, 2018 10:00am

Present: Sheila Ayres, Barbara Coleman, Peggy Kearney, Ginny Sanford, Roy Scrimshaw, Mike Wood and Tim Duerden. Minutes taken by Angela Gaffney.

Absent: Tom Kendall, Dick Meyer, Kay Parisi-Hampel,

Sheila calls meeting to order.

I. Review of June 2018 minutes

Roy makes a motion to accept minutes as written. Mike seconds. All in favor.

II. Committee Reports

Collections – Getting a lot of bits and bobs.

Physical Plant – Tim reports: **Tollgate** – Jeff Volkommer and crew have been working on the tollgate. Got a grant from Robinson-Broadhurst for this work. Mike reports there is a section on the west end of the Frisbee house that was not fully finished, needs to be re-scraped and painted. Mike will show it to Jeff. **Schoolhouse** – Tim reports the schoolhouse needs a roof. Got a grant from the Santora trust to do this. Asked Jeff for a quote. He gave us one, it is a little high, hope to get it down a bit. Mike will talk to him about that and the Frisbee house. **Signs** – Tim reports Deb Flemming says she can replace the Frisbee House signs sometime this fall. She has shown us a few mock ups. Barbara asks if the large sign on the side of the large gallery could be moved to above the porch of the main building. Would need to look at the roofline. Roy suggests cutting down the birch tree that is leaning in front of the large gallery. Will be replacing three signs. **Shutters** – discussion on if we want the shutters back on the Frisbee house. Peggy reports she does, thinks the building looks plain without the shutters. Gave everyone a copy of information on the man from Fleischmanns who did work on their museum. Suggests we ask him to come look at the shutters and give us a quote for rebuilding them. At the last meeting Dick reported he had a quote of \$800 - \$1,000 to build a pair of shutters. Mike reports he looked at the shutters and they aren't in bad shape, only 3 sets really need replaced, the rest can be repaired by a good woodworker. Mike suggests rebuilding them and only painting the front side before putting them back on the Frisbee House. Sheila suggests asking Jeff to give a quote on working on the shutters. Peggy requests getting more than one quote. Mike agrees for big jobs you should get several quotes, but since Jeff is already here and we know his work it makes sense to see if he can do it. Barbara makes a motion that we get the shutters repaired and installed. Peggy seconds. All in favor. **FRH porch** – discussion on rebuilding a porch on the Frisbee House. Tim reminds it depends on what the period of significance is we are trying to represent. Peggy says most houses have a porch. Tim reports there is a house of a similar age and type as the Frisbee House on the turnpike, the Bristol Tavern, it does not have a porch, it is owned by a preservation architect. Tim and Angela suggest the period of significance is 1797 when the house was first built, and it probably did not have a porch at that time. Discussion on how the porch would help protect the door and molding. The Historic Structure Report suggests putting the earliest porch back on the Frisbee House. Roy asks if we need an architect to design it. Tim explains if we want to go by the book, the museum way, we need a report. Randy Crawford from Syracuse has done the other reports. Angela agrees, would like to see more research done before putting a porch on. He is expensive. Roy makes a motion to put the earliest porch on the house. Mike seconds. Mike

doesn't think we need an architect. Sheila knows an architect in Delhi she could ask him to at least look at this. See if it is feasible. **Grading** – Tim reports Roy contacted LaFever and got the grading by the house done. We have not received a bill yet. Mike reports it looks good. Roy and Mike say the garden project can now go forward.

Programs, Publications & Exhibits – no report

Public Relations – Tim reports – we have gotten some good coverage in the *Daily Star* about the Wyer film. The reenactment got a front page article with a picture. **Fair on the Square** – today is the second one. Samantha will be going as she did last week. Tim calls Samantha in to report. Samantha reports she sold books. Good attendance, mostly families. Gave away brochures and book lists.

Finance – Roy reports the total net gross loss for the year is \$37,515 which accounts basically for the repairs and maintenance, the painting, tollgate and animal control. We still have \$15,000 in the building and grounds account. Sheila requests a breakdown of what is operating expenses and what is buildings and grounds.

Tim reports we are still waiting on \$4,500 from Robinson-Broadhurst for the tollgate and \$1,000 from O'Connor for the reenactment.

As of July 13 we have \$24,578 in our general checking account, DNB, TUA – \$5,300 & Henderson Trust – \$700; FAM – \$7,378, O'Connor \$9,000 GOE & \$5,000 FRH painting

III. Director's Report

CDO Workforce – they started last week, one supervisor and 3 kids. They will be here one day a week.

Cello concert – today at 4pm. This will be the first time we have done this. A young man, Nicky Swett from Chicago contacted DCHA in February. He is doing concerts in other areas around here. He will be performing in the Frisbee house. Sheila suggests we find some other local talent to do shows in the house.

75th Anniversary – 2020 will be DCHA's 75th anniversary. Have been thinking of some ideas to celebrate. Board of supervisors would be a good one. Big band - WWII for the Frisbee Evening. Exhibit on the history of DCHA. Plan other things through the year.

IV. Old Business

Civil War Reenactment – Tim reports, despite the rain it was fairly successful. Attendance was down, but think the Hunley helped keep the attendance from being too low. We made about \$700. Planning to do one again next year. Mike suggests inviting the boy scouts to come camp out at the same time. Camp in the field across the way. Mike will pursue this. Peggy will contact the girl scouts about this.

V. New Business

Frisbee Evening – who is coming? Peggy, Ginny will not be here. Roy can bring ice and ham. Sheila will bring scalloped potatoes, pea salad and turkey. Barbara will bring Cauliflower and Broccoli salad.

Tim will not be here for the next meeting, neither will Ginny. Discussion, do we need an August meeting? **Next meeting will be Friday September 7th. @ 10am.**

11:30am – Ginny makes a motion to adjourn. Roy seconds. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.