

Delaware County Historical Association Board Meeting
Friday, September 18, 2015 10:00am

Present: Cheryl Boyd, Barbara Coleman, Linda DeWitt, Peggy Kearney, Tom Kendall, Dick Meyer, Roy Scrimshaw, Frank Waterman, Mike Wood and Tim Duerden. Minutes taken by Angela Gaffney.

Absent: Lillian Browne

I. Review of August 2015 minutes

Linda makes a motion to accept the minutes. Roy seconds. All in favor.

II. Committee Reports

Collections – Tim reports: **Arthur Zapf** items have been received. Furniture and painting from Franklin and Walton. **Civil War Drum** offered by daughter of Hilton Kelly. She also offered to compile a history of her father.

10:05am Cheryl arrives

Physical Plant – Tim reports: **Oak Trees** – Thanks to Sheila we have 2 new oak trees in front of the Frisbee House. Planted a couple of weeks ago. **Frisbee House** – leak in roof. Leland Stein patched it, should be good for the winter. The roof needs to be replaced. Leland says wood shingles should last about 50 years. Not sure when the roof was last done. Leland does not do this work. He suggested we get a quote from the Powell Company to get a top estimate. Leland will get a quote from his nephew. Tim will try to get a grant. Cheryl suggests asking members for donations. Dick suggests as a last resort we could take money from Fenimore. Reminder, for large jobs we need 3 quotes. People to ask quotes from Clapper (Otego), T & W, Cohen and Fraser. Tim reports he will first try O'Connor after he has an idea of how much to ask for. Fenimore Assets also have grants. Roy suggests State Aid for Historic Buildings could be looked at. Tom suggests we also have the chimney pointed when they are doing the roof.

Programs, Publications & Exhibits – **Tim reports: Newsletter** went out last week with the fall calendar. **Quilt show** this weekend. It is held every 2 years. **Meade Exhibit** will be after the quilt show. Walt Meade was a Roxbury native. It will open with the Annual meeting on Nov. 1.

Public Relations –

Finance – Tim reports: **Endowment Appeal** has raised \$4,050 as of today.
As of September 18 we have \$8,519 in our general checking account

III. Director's Report

Fall Bus trip – Oct. 1st have 40 people signed up.

RV visit – Oct. 8 – 11.

IV. Old Business - none

V. New Business

Annual Meeting – Sunday, November 1st. Chuck D'Imperio will be talking about his latest book *Unknown Museums of Upstate NY*. Looking for nominations for the

Award of Merit. Mike would like to nominate Graden Ballard the Sidney Historical Society Curator. He is one of the most active historians he has come across. Discussion on people to nominate. Linda asks who is up for reelection at the annual meeting. Tim will have to look it up.

FY 2016 budget

Roy reports the Finance Committee (Linda, Dick, Bill Coleman, Roy and Tim) met on Wednesday. The handout is what they came up with. Review of Income: Admissions is lowered. Left the Contributions the same. Tim reports that Individual Contributions could be raised by \$5,000. Every year we get a \$5,000 anonymous donation. That would bring individual Contributions to \$6,500. Left Foundation grants the same as last year. Tim reports we are promised \$20,000 GOE from O'Connor. Santora varies depending on what extra projects we ask for. Tim explains we also have a matching advertisement grant from O'Connor for \$1,000. Could add Robinson-Broadhurst for \$2,500 and an under \$5,000 for \$2,500 from O'Connor. This would raise grants from \$40,000 to \$45,000. Tim reports 2014 we received \$7,800 in membership. Suggests we raise membership from \$6,000 to \$7,000. All agree. Tim reports the Annual Appeal usually raises at least \$7,000 not \$2,200. In 2013 we raised \$7,612 and in 2014 we raised \$6,985. Agree to up Annual Appeal to show \$7,000 income. Book sales was raised because of the expected sales of the Wyer and Arcadia books. Tim reports the Quilt show is only every 2 years so it should be taken off for next year's budget. Cheryl calculated this shows a short fall of about \$15,000. Dick reports the CD comes due in April and that will be about \$12,000. Tim reports these numbers do not show the \$12,500 we have in the restricted account. Review of Expenses: Roy reports Health insurance is unknown. Tim says he may be on the "Affordable Care Act." He will let Roy know when he finds out. Angela's health care is about \$8,000 a year. Pay about \$587 a month for Angela. Roy reports Insurance is up by \$3,500 because of the change in policy to cover the contents of the buildings. Professional fees - \$4,000 for the review. Think we may be able to lower that if we do not have a site visit from the auditor. Roy will check into this. Discussion on the Civil War event. Tim reports it can only be done if we get a grant to cover expenses, like we did this year. We received \$6,000 from Santora to cover Civil War event expenses. Fuel is lowered by \$2,000. Next year it is requested we put out for competitive bids.

10:46am Peggy arrives.

This leaves about a \$15,000 short fall. Tim points out this may be lowered if he can get his health insurance elsewhere. Grounds Maintenance was high last year due to snow plowing. Tim talked to Deb who explained the Town plows the road to the Humane Society, but they pay a private contractor to plow their parking lot. Roy will talk to Darren Evans about plowing DCHA's parking lot.

Roy reports the Profit and Loss for today year to date is \$24,000 loss. As he predicted in 2014 for a \$25,000 loss for the year.

Tim explains the summer season is the most expensive time of the year. The winter months is when we receive a lot of income, the annual appeal goes out in November. And we still have \$11,000 to receive from O'Connor for this year. Tim reports for September we show a profit of \$2,268.

Cheryl makes a motion to accept the budget as amended to present at the annual meeting.
Linda seconds. All in favor.

10:55am Roy makes a motion to adjourn. Linda seconds. All in favor.

Next Board Meeting: Friday October 16 @ 10:00am