

Delaware County Historical Association Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 13, 2015 10:00am

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

Absent: Lillian Browne, Linda DeWitt and Frank Waterman

I. Review of September 2015 minutes

Mike requests correction of spelling of Graydon Ballard's name. Tom move to accept the minutes as corrected. Mike seconds. All in favor.

II. Committee Reports

Collections – no report

Physical Plant – Tim reports: **Frisbee House** needs a new roof. Have contacted several contractors to get estimates. Powell Company does not do wood shingle roofs. Cohen and Frazer are coming to look. "Second Nature" has looked we are awaiting the estimate. Clapper came last week and we are waiting to get the estimate. Haven't received any estimates yet. Roy asks is we have to use shake singles? Are we leaving ourselves open to a problem 40 years from now? Mike: we should spare no expense. Cheryl: it needs to be done right and well. There are a lot of other places that do shake roofs. Tim liked David Clapper. Discussion on Second Nature. Tim reports he checked after the last big rain and the patch seems to be holding.

Programs, Publications & Exhibits – Tim reports: **Lantern tours** of the Frisbee House scheduled for Saturday October 24th. A few people have signed up. We are charging \$5 an adult. Last year it was free. Barbara suggests sending press releases to the *Binghamton Press*. They had a list of Halloween tours in last weekend. **Meade talk** by Ginny Sheer Saturday, November 14th at 2pm. This talk on Walt Meade to go with the next exhibit of Walt Meade photos.

Public Relations – Dick saw pictures of the RV's on *Facebook*. Looked good. Cheryl asks if we have a new contact at the *Walton Reporter*. Tim says a reporter came to the quilt show.

Finance – Tim reports: **Endowment Appeal** has raised \$5,000 so far. Thank you to everyone who has donated. **Hancock – LGS** received \$500. Dick reports we should get \$150 from Meredith this year and they put DCHA in the budget for \$500 for next year. **Investments** received at the beginning of October: \$5,350 from Endowment, \$1,400 from the Henderson trust and \$4,850 from FAM. We expect one more payment from FAM which we usually get in early January.

Discussion on looking at the investments and thinking about moving some to a more secure, lower risk investment. Discussion on stocks vs bonds, better return. Do we want higher risk or not? Cheryl recommends we ask DNB and FAM to come talk to the board to let us know how things are invested. All agree. Tim will invite one to come to the January meeting and one to the February meeting.

Tim reminds we have a CD coming due in April next year. We will need to make a decision on what to do. Discussion on what to do with the CD. Could use it as challenge money to be matched by public to cover expense of Frisbee House. Show what we raised

at the Frisbee Evening. Put the money in a building and grounds account. Invest in other places, possibly online.

As of October 13 we have \$16,332 in our general checking account

FY 2016 budget Roy reports: hands out copies of May executive meeting minutes and a copy of the fiscal management policy. With paragraph 6 added. "An annual budget will be prepared by the finance committee each year. Any proposed changes in expenditures must be given to the committee no later than 1 Aug. This will ensure that the budget can be completed in time to be presented to the entire board at the October meeting and to the membership at the Nov meeting."

Discussion on changing personal policy. Tim tried to get the personal committee together but they were all unavailable. Dick asks if it would be easier for just the board to rewrite the sections they want to change. Want to change the part on the pay and health care. Dick gives minutes from two executive meetings.

Roy presents the updated budget with the changes discussed at the last meeting. He will e-mail the budget to everyone. Discussion on short fall in budget, \$16,805. This is less than last year. Last year was about \$25,000. Discussions on ideas for money for the Frisbee House. Suggestion to apply to Home Depot for grant. Could get up to \$5,000. They come in gift cards to be used at Home Depot. A lot of contractors like to deal with certain companies. Suggestion to look into tax credit on registered historic properties. Tim has read the paper work on this and does not believe DCHA would qualify because we are a 501(c)3. Mike suggests it is worth a phone call to double check. Perhaps the contractor could apply for them. Roy will present the budget at the annual meeting.

III. Director's Report

Quilt show was successful. They donated the \$712 admissions that was collected.

Fall Bus trip to Lake George and Fort William Henry. Dick reports it started out a dismal weather day. By the time they got to the boat the sun was out and it was a beautiful ride. A little confusion on the lunch, but overall the trip was successful. Tim reports there were only 39 people, we could have had a maximum of 47. A little disappointed we did not fill the bus. We did raise \$637. We are always looking for ideas for the bus trip. Suggestion: Rhinebeck Air museum and Beekman Arms restaurant, Rhinebeck train station, Hancock Shaker Village.

RV visit last weekend went well. Fewer than last time, about 10 RVs. They love the space. Paid \$490.

IV. Old Business

Annual Meeting is Sunday November 1st at 1pm. We need someone to provide ham and someone to provide turkey. The rest is a dish to pass. Barbara says she will provide a turkey breast. Roy will provide a ham and dessert. Mike will bring cider.

Officers and Directors. Tim says we need to figure out which officers and directors need to be elected. Linda, Frank and Lillian have all said they would be standing down. The following directors need to be reelected: Roy, Cheryl and Peggy.

Tom, Dick and Barbara were voted in last year. All the officers need to be reelected, they only have 1 year terms. Current officers are Dick, President; Linda, Vice President; Barbara, Secretary; Roy, Treasurer. Ideas on new board members? Kay Parisi-Hampel and Tom Briggs suggested. Tom and Mike decline to be officers. Cheryl says she will be VP. Discussion on having a second signer for checks who lives nearby. Linda could still be one of the check signers as she is a member of DCHA. To be discussed and decided at a later date.

Award of Merit Tim reports, so far we have one formal nomination. Graydon Ballard from Sidney Historical Society. Ray is nominating the “school marms” for the week-long one-room school house program they do in Bovina. Tom nominated the Schemerhorns for all the work they have done keeping up DCHA’s grounds and leading the bus trips. Roy makes a motion that we give an award of Merit to Grayson Ballard, the Schemerhorns and the Bovina School program. All agree.

Question: is anything done for the directors stepping down that have been there for a long time? Tim explains that we often give a certificate of appreciation. All agree would like to give one to Linda. Mike requests that he do the introduction for Graydon Ballard.

V. New Business

Personnel manual. Roy found a letter about it. Cheryl requests Roy e-mail the personal manual to everyone so they have a copy. Roy agrees to do this.

Next Board Meeting: Sunday November 1 @ 1:00pm

11:25am Tom makes a motion to adjourn. Roy seconds. All in favor.