

Delaware County Historical Association Board Meeting
Friday, December 4, 2015 10:00am

Present: Peggy Kearney, Dick Meyer, Roy Scrimshaw, Mike Wood and Tim Duerden.
Minutes taken by Angela Gaffney.

Absent: Cheryl Boyd, Barbara Coleman and Tom Kendall

10:20am meeting called to order.

I. Review of October 2015 minutes

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

II. Committee Reports

Collections – Angela reports: **Loughran donation** – we received two spinning wheels and a yarn winder. All used in the town of Kortright. A lady from New Jersey arranged for them to be delivered last week. They are in very good condition.

Physical Plant – Tim reports: Frisbee **House roof** needs to be replaced. We have received 3 estimates, all for wood shingles. David Clapper is the most expensive at \$47,000. Second Nature - \$35,700 for machine shingles, \$37,900 for hand split shingles. Cohen and Frazier \$32,000. Tim explains the roof was replaced in 1992 and before that it was done in 1963. None of the estimates include if problems are found once the shingles are torn off. Some say so much per man-hour for extra work, like if the sheathing needs to be replaced. Tim makes copies of estimates for everyone to examine and decide at the next meeting. Discussion on where to get money and how much to ask for. Suggestion to ask for more so we have enough for whatever extra work might need to be done once they start. Tim explains he would ask O'Connor first and they may give a matching 1 for 1 grant that could pay for half. He could then go to Tianaderrah, Robinson Broadhurst, FAM or Santora for the other half. Deadline for Santora is December 21st and Robinson Broadhurst is Dec. 31st. Discussion on trying to get state funding, through Parks and Recreation or a member item. From past experience this would take longer and we need to have the work done sooner rather than later. Suggestion: could we take money out of investments? With that in mind, the CD will come due in March. When the CD comes due in March we will not roll it over, the money will be transferred DCHA's savings account in case we need it for the roof. Suggestion when the roof is done we need to start looking at the rest of the site. All the buildings need work. DCHA operations function well, but we need a part-time handy man to maintain and fix up the site, from April to September. This could save money in the end by getting things fixed before they get too run down. Suggestion to go to the state for funding to do work on the site in the coming years; i.e. painting house and shutters, etc. Suggestion: after we finish out the Endowment grant to do a fundraising campaign for the building and grounds to help maintain the site. Peggy makes a motion to ask for \$55,000 to replace the roof and have extra for unforeseen things that maybe found when they start work. Mike seconds. All in favor.

Programs, Publications & Exhibits – Tim reports: **Wyer book** is for sale. Just got it and have sold 16 since Tuesday. Peggy offers to take some to sell in Fleischmanns.

Delhi Hist. Soc. is having an event next weekend and DCHA is loaning some objects for display. **Newsletter** will go out next week with the calendar of events.

Public Relations – Tim reports: **WSKG videos** – Shane Johnson from WSKG has come to DCHA a few times and has produced a few short videos on the History of the Southern Tier, which includes DCHA and Delaware Academy. This will be put on their website under the history section on WSKG. Harvest film will be shown again on December 8th on WSKG in the evening. They used some images from DCHA.

Finance – Tim reports: **Endowment Appeal** has raised \$5,800 this year. **Annual Appeal** has raised \$2,600 so far this year. **LGS** received since the last meeting: \$1,200 from Franklin, \$500 each from Walton, Delhi and Kortright. Dick reports the town of Meredith is giving \$150 this year and put \$500 for DCHA in next year's budget.

DeGroat donation – every year we get an anonymous donation through the DeGroat law firm. Usually get \$5,000, this year we got \$7,000. **O'Connor GOE** – we received the final payment of \$11,000 GOE making a total of \$20,000 this year.

CD due 3/7/16 – Do we want to put this in the savings account when it comes due? Peggy makes a motion to not rollover the CD. Roy seconds. All in favor. Roy requests Tim let the bank know we don't want the CD renewed, we want it to be transferred to DCHA's saving account.

As of December 4 we have \$30,281 in our general checking account.

III. Director's Report

Lantern tours – in October were very successful. We charged \$5 a person and raised \$240. It was very popular, trying to work a way to expand it, maybe do 2 nights.

Meade Talk – to go with the exhibit went well. Wonderful presentation by Ginny Shear. About 20 people in the audience.

Arcadia book – Tim and Ray have been working on the Arcadia book. It will be a picture book of Delaware County. Have to have all the images and captions in by early February. Most of the images have been scanned, just have to sort and make captions.

IV. Old Business

Dick reports he talked to Jim Ellis about solar panels and Jim is planning on coming out next semester.

V. New Business – Tim reports:

Wedding - 1/23/16 using the main gallery.

2016 calendar of events – handed out to board members to take to other places. Dick would like to give Samantha \$50 for the holiday season. Tim will do so.

Next board meeting time. Request to make a set time. All agree to the 2nd Friday of the month at 10am.

Suggestion for everyone to make a list of all the grant agencies they have gone to for money to share with the group.

Next Board Meeting: January 8, 2016 at 10am.

11:45am Roy makes a motion to adjourn. Dick seconds. All in favor.