

Delaware County Historical Association Board Meeting
Friday December 14, 2018 10:00am

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

Absent: Sheila Ayres.

I. Review of October 2018 minutes

Ginny makes a motion to accept the October minutes. Kay seconds. All in favor.

Peggy make a motion to accept the November (Annual Meeting) minutes. Mike seconds. All in favor.

II. Committee Reports

Collections – Tim reports Peggy just donated a doll house and blocks. Peggy explains the doll house was given to her daughters by a couple who ran the local store. They did not have kids and the house was one the woman had as a child.

Physical Plant – Tim reports: signs – Deb Fleming is fabricating new signs. He has paid half up front. They should be read to install in the spring. **Porch** – Tim reports Sheila shared a copy of an email report from her architect Lee. There is a handwritten note on it for \$15,000 estimate. Tim will make copies of this report and give it to everyone. Short discussion. This amount seems a bit high. Roy will ask Joe Campbell if he has any ideas. **Expansion of library/archives** – Tim reports he has begun discussion with Jarod Yando at SUNY Delhi in the building department. They plan to make a site visit after the end of the semester. Barbara says that if the college does the work, we will only have to pay for supplies. Mike asks if Tim and staff could give a proposal in writing for what the projection is for the next 10 years, for expansion. Tim says money should come from local foundations, individual donations and state grants. Peggy suggests look at plans for next 50 years, not just 10.

Programs, Publications & Exhibits – Tim reports: **WWI posters** on display until end of February. **Newsletter** went out a couple weeks ago.

Sidney project of tearing down buildings and the saved architectural pieces go to DCHA. The items we already had were gifted to Sidney Historical who in turn gave DCHA a donation. Trying to get new items to go straight to the Sidney Historical Society, but the county planning department says they would be in breach of contract if the architectural items were not given to DCHA. This is what was written in the memorandum of agreement on the federal level. Mike reports Sidney had an open house on Dec. 1st at their new location. Invites anyone who wants to come visit, he will give a private tour.

Public Relations – no report

Finance –

Roy reports based on the last meeting he looked at FAM and in the last 7 years they have more than doubled the money. He spoke with DNB about the endowment, as of right now 81.5% is in fixed income and 17.8% in growth. A lot has gone out in building repairs and maintenance. Discussion on having an accountant. Most of the money is managed by FAM and the Delaware National Bank. The general operating money that goes through DCHA is not much in comparison to these accounts. The day-to-day operations are overseen by Tim, Roy and the finance committee. Everyone agrees they can handle this.

Tim reports: As of December 14 we have \$55,766 in our general checking account & \$44,784 in our buildings & grounds account. Since the last meeting we received the final \$11,000 from O'Connor for the \$20,000 GOE for 2018. Received \$6,000 from an anonymous donor. And Local Government Support received \$500 each from the towns of Walton and Hancock. Discussion on Local Government Support: how many towns give, how many never give? Suggests inviting the Board of Supervisors to DCHA for another meeting. Visit with the towns that don't give LGS. Some may only give to their local historical society. Tim reports he always delivers DCHA's newsletter to the Supervisors office. Each supervisor gets a newsletter.

III. Director's Report

Capital projects fund drive - \$5,805. We did this drive instead of an Endowment drive this year.

Annual Appeal drive - \$5,800. This drive is still going on.

Discussion on doing a Capital projects drive the next few years in place of an Endowment drive. Discussion on what can be used out of the Endowment.

IV. Old Business

Xmas Tree event – had a record number of people - 435. Humane Society rents the gallery for \$350.

Xmas Fair – first annual, had close to 200 people and sold close to \$600 worth of books. Also got vendors' fees of \$10 a table. It was a success.

V. New Business

Annual Meeting date change? Tim asks if a Saturday in early November might be better because we could have the meeting before the time change. Discussion: Saturday is always busy. Some like Sunday. When else could you have it? Early spring? One evening during the week. Not everyone likes to drive after dark.

Next Board Meeting: Friday January 11, 2019 @ 10:00am

11:25am – Roy makes a motion to adjourn the meeting Mike seconds. All in favor.