

Lapeer County Historical Society

March 16, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Present: Don McCallum, Bill Rykhus, Genevieve Dorr, Karren Deming, Carl Deming, Art Baldwin, Joyce Bonesteel, Dan Gerlach **Visitor:** Grai Joseph

Absent: Marilyn Wood

Rykhus called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

I. Agenda Under New Business, add: C. Purchase Proposal / 1838 Ledger. No motion was made for agenda approval. Rykhus called for a vote. The agenda was approved.

II. Feb. 9, 2017 Minutes Motion by Dorr, support by K. Deming to approve. Motion carried.

III. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Dorr reviewed expenses. Motion by Bonesteel, support by K. Deming to approve general fund checks 3072 to 3078 totaling \$1,475.81 and gaming account checks 1018 to 1019 totaling \$2,391. Motion carried. Dorr reviewed the remainder of the report. Motion by Bonesteel, support by McCallum to receive the report and place it on file. Motion carried.

IV. Reports

A. Docent Schedule More volunteers are needed.

B. Museum Operations Stairlift repair bills are mounting. Rykhus gave detailed instructions on the use of stairlifts. Discussion. Price estimates are needed to repair or replace the cement steps leading to the museum's front door. Discussion.

C. Events / Activities

1. DBFSM BC Lawncare charges \$60 a week to mow the grass and trim around the buildings. Discussion. Motion by Bonesteel, support by McCallum to sign the contract. Motion carried.

2. Historic Markers The Boy Scout working with Baldwin on this project has found state historical markers and some of ours. Baldwin asked him for a list.

3. Calendar 2018 Bonesteel accepted a request to chair the calendar committee. The topic will be old / local advertising memorabilia. Brief discussion. Joseph agreed to photograph the items.

4. Millionaire Parties Rykhus gave a report.

A. Annual Dues Motion by Bonesteel, support by Dorr to pay our annual membership dues (\$300) to the Michigan Charitable Gaming Association. Motion carried.

5. Museum Exhibits Rykhus gave a brief update on plans for an Oakdale Regional Center display.

6. Recognition for Historic Preservation No report. Gerlach shared the details of his historic house restoration at Park and Cedar streets.

7. Membership Meetings Dorr reviewed our annual meetings and events. They are scheduled every other month with room to add something in March. Brief discussion. In lieu of a newsletter, Dorr plans to mail letters reminding members to renew their dues, asking lifetime members to donate money and encouraging others to join the historical society.

A discussion developed about funds available for spending from the Greater Lapeer Community Foundation. Motion by Baldwin, support by Dorr to withdraw the \$406.72 interest available from 2015 and spend it on a computer for the chairman's desk. Motion carried.

8. Vietnam Veterans Exhibit Sara Bates has asked permission to keep the displays up through November. Rykhus said it was okay. The Vietnam commemorative committee will host another open house at the museum on Memorial Day and coordinate something similar for Veteran's Day.

Joseph said Suncrest Medical Care Facility residents are in need of calendars. Discussion. Motion by Dorr, support by McCallum to donate a box of 50 calendars to seniors. Motion carried.

9. Coming Events The annual meeting and Gently Used Art Sale were briefly discussed. The board also considered not having a fall concert. Rykhus has an idea for the musical performance. Discussion.

10. Imlay City Historical Commission C. Deming gave an update on museum projects and recommended action here. The Imlay City museum looks really great.

11. Genealogical Society Members are interested in moving from the museum to the Lapeer District Library if and when a bigger library is located or built. Our board would like to negotiate with the city on a trade of our museum for the existing library. Discussion.

V. Old Business None.

VI. New Business

A. General Squier Statue The group promoting this project is seeking non-profit status.

B. Donations Motion by Dorr, support by Baldwin to accept the donations listed on today's meeting agenda. Motion carried.

C. Purchase Offer / 1838 Ledger An antiquarian bookseller in New York contacted Bonesteel and offered to sell us a ledger owned by Dryden settler Seth Hall. Brief discussion. The board's general consensus is to refer the offer to the Dryden Historical Society.

VII. Next Meeting April 13, 2017

VIII. Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Minutes recorded by Joyce Bonesteel