

GDHS MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 21, 2004

- 730PM – Vice President Kay Stitley brought the meeting to order. Kay updated the members on President Ron’s surgery and how he was doing. Vice President Kay also thanked all the members for attending the 1st Annual Members Meeting held on September 16, 2004.
- Secretary Susan Forrey hi-lighted the minutes from the September 19, 2004 meeting since there were more than 6 pages of minutes. Motion to accept the minutes made by Cindy Snyder and Madelyn Shermeyer. All members agreed.
- Bob Merkert gave Treasurers’ report. A motion to accept the report was made by Cindy Snyder and Lois Slothower. All members agreed.
- Dr. Drawbaugh, our Archivist told us that Helen Weigle donated 3 more boxes of clippings and papers from Anna Snelbaker. Glen Wolgamuth contributed an original copy of the “Contributors List to the Lenhart–Gerber Cemetery”. David Laird donated pictures of Lairds Hardware Store that was located along Carlisle Road in Dover. Cindy Snyder delivered more books from the Dover High School Library.
- Vice President Kay gave a \$50.00 check from the Dover High School Class of 1954. Kay spoke with the alumni about the history of Dover and the Society. Kay also spoke with the Guild from Dover United Church of Christ.
- Brett Pfeleger gave the web report. He told us of the updates and new information that have been entered, such as: 1960 re-assessment, the meeting minutes, Blacksmith shop information, pictures of our garbage bags we are selling and the 1850 census for Dover Borough and Dover Township.
- No Historian report – Norma was with Ron at the hospital. Kay reminded us about the quilt raffle tickets for sale. They can be bought from any member for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Cindy Snyder from the nominating committee read aloud the names that will be placed on the ballot for the November election to be held on November 18th, 2004. She asked if anyone in the audience would like to place their name or nominate someone to be placed on the ballot. No other names were mentioned. The ballot for November will be as follows: OFFICERS – – President Ronald Botterbusch – Vice President Kay Stitley – Secretary Susan Forrey – Treasurer Robert Merkert – Archivist Dr. Charles Drawbaugh – Historian Norma Botterbusch. EXECUTIVE STAFF: Assistant Archivist Gayle Heagy – Bookkeeper Joyce Law. Motion to approve the ballot made by Bob Merkert and Lois Slothower. All members agreed.
- The Secretary gave report about trash bags. We are selling 25 bags for \$4.00 and 1 case (200 bags) for \$30.00. They can be purchased at Botterbusch Jewelry or any member.
- The Blacksmith Shop Project – a picture from circa 1911 of the original Blacksmith Shop, built by Charles Myers, was given to the Historical Society by his great-grandson. The picture will aide the Society in rebuilding the shop. 19 volunteers removed all the wood for the shop from the Spahr barn to the Alda Ketterman Park building on September 25th. The process went very smooth and fast. Volunteers were – Lisa, Bob and Chad Byerts, Jan Eisenhart, Susan Forrey, Melanie, Martin and Andrew Green, Lori and Jeff Koch, Joyce and Larry Law, Harry and Madelyn Shermeyer, Grace Spar Snelbaker, Randy and Judy Worley and Paula and Ted Zeigler.
- The Davidsburg Distillery received a proposal from Ken Brown Construction concerning the re-building of the Distillery. A discussion followed concerning the pro and con of having this building on the National Registry list. Factors discussed were the ownership of the building, costs of the rebuild and the permits and fees involved from putting the building on the list. Secretary Susan Forrey will look into the matter and present her findings at the next meeting.

- The Secretary asked members to check and verify if the committee list was correct. Any corrections please see Sue.
- The GDHS signs are finished and have been installed at the Davidsburg Distillery and the Blacksmith Shop sites. The Society wishes to thank Joyce and Larry Law and Bob and Sue Forrey for starting and completing this project. [Pictures of the signs are on the website]

NEW BUSINESS:

- The Board of Directors 2005 Budget meeting is scheduled for November 9 2004 at the Borough building starting at 630pm.
- The Society is helping Mark Miller, the Honors History teacher at Dover High School on a class project. The students are to interview World War II veterans and make a report. Any World War II veteran is asked to call Susan Forrey at 292-6190 to schedule a time to be interviewed.
- Mark your calendars for April 21 2005 at 730pm. Speaker Thomas Gibbs will be at the meeting.
- The Our Town Meeting class scheduled for November 20th at the Calvary Church has been cancelled. The class will be re-scheduled in early 2005.
- A ramp and a set of steps need to be made for the building at Alda Ketterman Park. Cindy Snyder nominated Lewis Kunkel to handle this project.
- It was suggested the possibility of High School Ag-students could do the landscaping around the building and the Blacksmith shop at Alda Ketterman Park.
- The Secretary also stated the possibility of school students helping with the placement of bricks for the Blacksmith Shop forge, floor and entrance to the building.
- Kay Stitley mentioned that the Historical Walk for the 3rd grade students of Dover School District may not be a reality in 2005 due to the School Boards ruling on the amount of money spent on class

trips. The Secretary will put this on the Board of Directors agenda to be discussed.

Motion to adjourn by Randy Worley and Dave Laird.

There were 19 members in attendance.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 18th, 2004.

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