

G.D.H.S. Meeting minutes for May 18, 2006

“THE PRESIDENT IS IN HIS CHAIR”

Ron Botterbusch called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Approval of April minutes- correction to minutes – Bob Merkert sent 990 into the state, not Joyce Law. Doris Burger and Kay Stitley made a motion to correct the minutes, all members agreed.

Bob Merkert gave treasurers report. The balance at the end of March was \$2318.08; Income for April was \$253.08 for a total of \$2571.16. Expenses were \$20.46. Total at the end of April was, \$2550.70. Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Mel Miller and Jan Eisenhart, all members agreed.

Archive report given by Dr. Drawbaugh. Jo Ott (society member) donated a Dover Cigar Box and three Dover post cards. Ethel Fitzkee from Poplar Road gave flood photos, a Dover High letter “D” and a banner dated 1943. Dr Drawbaugh donated nineteen copies of the Dover Times. Bob Little donated a hand painted picture of a blacksmith shop, pictures of inside the blacksmith shop and one of the forge, papers showing what was sold from the blacksmith shop in 1952 and who bought the items and a wooden box that is about sixty years old.

Gayle Heagy gave a report about what was found in the safe at the Dover Boro building and says that the records for the minutes show “President is in his chair” and thinks that we should do the same. Gayle is going to set up a category of items donated from 1975 and forward as future historic items.

Website report was given by Joyce Law. The following was put on the website: the newsletter for May, pictures from Detter’s Mill, index of Stouch's diaries; and names of folks from Dover. There was a discussion putting the counter back on so we could see how many hits we are getting.

Cindy Snyder reported that “History continues to be made” she asks that anyone who sees articles in the newspaper about members to clip them for her.

Kay Stitley reported on seeing an article in the Community Courier about Harry Latshaw turning 100. There was a party at Grandview. (He was the groundskeeper for Grandview) Kay, Ron and Norma interviewed Mr. Latshaw.

Board of director’s report given by Madelyn Shermeyer

-Donation jar at concerts

-Meeting time change – 7:00 p.m. rather than 7:30, this change will take place in September. Board meeting will take place at 6:00 p.m.

Maddie met with Barb Deardorff and discussed the possibility of getting a rental property. We must have money to pay rent before we can get a property.

Badges – discussed not putting dates on badges, Ron entertained a motion that no date be put on the badges. Madelyn Shermeyer and Joyce Law made a motion to take the date off of the badges. Bob Merkert did not agree with taking the date off. Dr Drawbaugh stated that if the date is taken off they will not be a historic item. The membership voted to keep the date on the badges.

No update on the Gerber Farm.

The cook stove stored at the Dover Boro garage was discussed. Should we scrap it or try to get it repaired? We will get Bob Stitley to look at it and see if he can repair it.

Bloodroot books – Half of the pages of 1 & 2 are printed. June Kinsey is proof reading. We hope to have the books by June.

Joyce Law reported on the Blacksmith shop. Three different picture frames were made from the wood from the original blacksmith shop. We will be selling them at the concert in the park for \$15.00. On April 29 the brick floor was laid and sand was swept between the bricks. Larry talked to Ken Brown and it was decided that Ken will install the windows. Ted Ziegler has put some of his blacksmith tools in the shop.

Ron brought a discussion to the floor about concerns of whitewashing the blacksmith shop or not. This discussion was brought up and said to have been voted on at the annual members meeting in October 2005. We could not find any record of this vote in the October 2005 minutes. The process under discussion is to use a pickling stain as opposed to the old lime and water type of whitewash. Madelyn showed us a board from the shop of what the pickling stain would look like. The cost of the stain will be approximately \$30.00 a gallon. There were pros and cons discussed on whether we should pickle the shop or leave it in its natural aged condition. Motions were made by Madelyn Shermeyer and Lori Koch to use one coat of pickling stain and a water base preservative. There was a paper ballot vote taken – 18 voted “yes” and 5 voted “no”.

Adopt-A-Highway – Ron reported that all the papers were signed and returned to the state. The state prefers that we wait until the signs are up to schedule a work day.

The Historical walk is scheduled for June 20, Kay suggested that you bring your walking shoes and get ready to walk. There will be two extra stops this year, the blacksmith shop and the cemetery on Fairview Avenue.

Cindy Snyder volunteered to bring snacks for the June 15th, meeting.

Cindy Snyder and Jan Eisenhart made motions to adjourn the meeting.

Ron adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted

Norma Botterbusch

G.D.H.S. Secretary