

Greater Dover Historical Society
October 18, 2007

The regular meeting of the Greater Dover Historical Society was called to order by President Madelyn Shermeyer at 7:02 p.m. Members present were Lori Koch, Madelyn Shermeyer, June Kinsey, Larry Law, Joyce Law, Grace Trimmer, Grace Snelbaker, Ron Botterbusch, Norma Botterbusch, Mel Miller, Scott Emig, Mary Emig, Judy Worley, Randy Worley, Jacob Bellamy, Jeff Koch, Kay Stitley, Don Menche, Gayle Heagy, Doris Burger, Jo Ott, Charles Pike, Lucia Hrinyak, Deb Krause, Ray Kinard, Terry Koller, Martin Green, Zita Smith, Connie Miller and Damian Deller. The meeting was held in the basement at the Dover UCC due to a continuing construction project underway at Calvary Lutheran Church.

President Shermeyer presented our guest speaker, Mr. Jeff Holder, to speak on the Civil War and Dover's participation in the war. At the conclusion of the presentation by Mr. Holder at 7:20 p.m., there was a brief social break for questions and refreshments until approximately 7:45 p.m. A brief synopsis of Mr. Holder's presentation is attached to the minutes as Addendum A.

The meeting was called back to order at 7:45 p.m. by President Shermeyer. The September minutes were presented and President Shermeyer asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Joyce Law and seconded by Terry Koller. All voted in favor and motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report for September was presented by Joyce Law:

Balance as of September 1, 2007	\$8,149.82
Deposits for September	1,094.37
Expenses for September	<u>262.60</u>
Balance as of September 30, 2007	\$8,933.60

Joyce Law had a couple of announcements to make before proceeding with the treasurer's report. She saw a couple new faces in the audience and she has membership forms if they are interested in joining the society. She also has the volunteer hour forms which need to be submitted by all members by January.

Also, Joyce said if any committee chairperson has a budget request, please fill out the budget form for the budget meeting on November 1.

Joyce also reported Norma Botterbusch unexpectedly found \$120 cash (and a \$20 check) in the bottom of the cash register drawer when they were getting ready for the Fall Fest this year. Joyce reported that she had told Kay that her count of t-shirts was different and she was short 6 t-shirts but it turns out she had 9 more so the committee made out pretty good on that.

Joyce reported the Fall Fest had total income of \$1,240.55; expenses of \$653.35 and a total profit of \$587.20. Joyce gave a report on other society fundraisers: blacksmith shop items by Ted, profit to date is \$92.82; blacksmith shop photos, \$62.50; picture frames w/pictures, \$122.22; t-shirts sold from here on will be all profit; replicas – need to sell 138 more in order to see a profit; books and coins, \$15; lottery tickets -- \$1,748 in profit and \$550 in expenses; and garbage bags, \$120.

Joyce reported the fundraising account balance is \$98.56 and petty cash has a balance of \$40. President Shermeyer wanted to clarify that the expenses for the Fall Fest included the \$500 cash used for the cash registers and was returned to the general fund. The actual expenses totaled \$153.35 and we had donations totaling \$145.93. A motion was made by Larry Law and seconded by Lucia Hrinayak to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. All voted in favor and motion passed.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORT

Marty Green reported that the Board of Directors' meeting minutes are in his wife's car and she called him to say she could not meet him here because she was sick. Marty asked the other Board members to feel free to add to the report on the meeting. Mrs. Koch read from her notes the following items discussed at the October board meeting: motion sensor security light at the BBS and storage shed; Marty Green was to purchase and install the light; Bob Stitley took measurements for the archive storage building security door frame; extra bricks at the blacksmith shop which Jeff Koch & son installed around the water spigot at Ketterman Park; name/date stone – President Shermeyer talked to Vince Rice but it is not moved yet; the benches are done; we plan to get back into Calvary for our meetings and Kay will get the paperwork submitted for us to get back in January; insurance for Faberge eggs was put on hold; clause on the website should be put on every link; the Board of Directors are looking at 501(c)(3) requirements.

Archivist Report -- Dr. Drawbaugh was not present. Gayle Heagy reported that the society has 208 total donations, not individual items, in the archives storage. Gayle reported that Fern Collins donated a photograph of several individuals who were about 16 years old at the time of the photograph; Gayle identified Edith Toomey from Canal Street and Margie Nagle who lived on the square.

President Shermeyer had brought in a rug frame which was donated by Eva and Keith Eisenhart who lived on Fox Run Road. President Shermeyer reported that Eva said she did not see her mother-in-law use the rug frame, but Keith did. President Shermeyer will get the donation forms signed and returned to Gayle.

Doris Burger stated she has an antique quilting frame that belonged to her great grandmother. When the society has a place to store it, Doris stated she plans to donate it. Gayle Heagy advised Doris to put this into her will so it is documented.

Webpage Report – Brett Pfeiger was not present at the meeting. President Shermeyer stated the changes/updates submitted have been posted to the website. President Shermeyer said all the related items for the blacksmith shop will be posted on 1 link, but she has not submitted that information to Brett until he had the other information sent to him in the spring posted to the website. President Shermeyer said we can work on getting that posted now and perhaps Maureen App will be available to assist with posting the blacksmith shop information.

Historian Report – Cindy Snyder was not present at the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Blood Root -- President Shermeyer stated there is nothing to report on the blood root books.

Adopt-A-Highway -- Lucia Hrinyak was recognized to report on the Adopt-A-Highway litter pickup. The final pickup for the GDHS is scheduled for Saturday, October 20 and the meeting place is GDS Controls at 5301 Carlisle Road, 8:00am. Lucia stated she only has 8 people signed up to help since several people had to drop out. Lucia is hoping 2 or 4 other volunteers can help out. The last pickup in August was done in less than 2 hours. The next pickup will be in March or April 2008. The rain date will be Saturday, October 27.

Interview/Video – Kay Stitley reported an interview with Louise Kroft is scheduled for Tuesday night. She was at the blacksmith shop on Saturday and spoke to Joyce Law. Kay also stated she spoke to Reba Gross about the picture to see if she could give her names of some of the people in the picture. Kay had suggested to Reba about getting a group of people around her age together for a group interview, but it was felt there would not be enough time in one evening to do this. President Shermeyer suggested the committee do the interview with Donna Snyder's mother, Velma Beam, since she does not get around very well.

OLD BUSINESS

Blacksmith shop replicas – President Shermeyer stated there was no report.

Jailhouse marker – Larry Law reported the ground is still too hard to place the post, but Ted did mark the spots.

Date/name stone – President Shermeyer stated there was no report.

Budget meeting – President Shermeyer reported the budget meeting will be held on November 1 at the Borough Hall. There will also be a Board of Directors' meeting immediately following the budget meeting.

Bricks – President Shermeyer stated this was reported on under the Board of Directors' report.

Fall Fest report – President Shermeyer stated Joyce reported on the financial part of the event. It was a fantastic day but a bit warm. President Shermeyer reported on the following sales: we had 35 lbs. of BBQ and sold all but approximately 4 lbs; we sold 332 hot dogs; we sold 60 soft pretzels; all hot dogs rolls were sold, as well as the hamburg rolls; and we did have a few people drink coffee, hot chocolate and hot tea. President Shermeyer thanked the committee members for their excellent work – June Kinsey, Gayle Heagy, Lori Koch, Phyllis Wolgamuth, Lucia Hrinyak, Melanie Green, and Norma Botterbusch. She also thanked the volunteers who worked in the kitchen for the entire day: Lori & Jeff Koch, Joyce Law, Lois Slothower, Phyllis Wolgamuth, Kay Stitley, June Kinsey, Zita Smith, Lucia Hrinyak, and Bob Merkert. Norma Botterbusch, along with Doris Burger and Grace Trimmer, worked the display stand for the GDHS in the vendor's hall. Our photographer, Jo Ott, was on hand for most of the day taking photographs of all our hard-working volunteers. President Shermeyer

stated she felt all our volunteers work hard but still manage to have fun. She stated there are not too many organizations that have dedicated volunteers like we have and everyone in the society should be proud of that fact. Everyone plays an important role in the society and is a valuable member.

Joyce Law reported the open house work day at the blacksmith shop this past Saturday had a very good turnout. Norma Botterbusch reported the sign-in book had 32 signatures of visitors. People were very interested and some "S" hooks were sold, along with 1 replica. Norma said there was a young man in attendance who is interested in blacksmithing and Joyce said he has talked with Ted on several occasions about learning the trade. His name is Jacob Bellamy and he became a new member of the society. We welcomed Jacob to the GDHS.

NEW BUSINESS

Nominating committee – President Shermeyer reminded members to contact a member of the committee (Ron, Jeff or Lori) if they are interested in running for an office. The job descriptions are on the table in the front.

Buying tax exempt – President Shermeyer stated that if any member plans to purchase something, the member should contact Joyce Law who has the charge cards (Staples, Lowes) along with tax exempt number. We are also tax exempt with Cartridge World and Joyce has just applied online to Wal-Mart to see if we can get tax exempt with Wal-Mart. If any committee member needs to purchase any supplies, etc., it is suggested they contact Joyce for the tax exempt to help save money on our purchases.

Newsletter correction – President Shermeyer reported there is a correction to be made to the September newsletter. On page 4, the assistant with Ted is Shannon Smith, not Shelby Bushey. The secretary will make that correction.

President Shermeyer recognized Terry Koller to make brief remarks. Terry is a member of the GDHS, he serves on the Board of Directors for East Berlin Historical Society and is also president of the Codorus Valley Historical Society in Jefferson. The society has applied to the state to get a plaque to put on the square in Jefferson to commemorate 5 generals who came through Jefferson in a Confederate invasion within a space of 18 hours. Terry mentions this because of the invasion of Dover discussed by our guest speaker tonight and he suggests the GDHS may want to consider applying for a plaque too. President Shermeyer stated that we have acquired information on the historic plaque process and

she will work with Dover Township since we can get reimbursed for it. It will be located on Municipal Drive, opposite from the Township building, since that is where the cannons were set up aimed at Dover. Mr. Koller also mentioned Pennsylvania Trails and the upcoming sesquicentennial of the Civil War. There were 56 sites in the paper which have already been selected, but have not been publicized to the general public but will be he said. If a plaque is acquired it will automatically be part of the trail. President Shermeyer said the state publishes a book listing all the historical plaques and people purchase this book and drive to the sites of each plaque.

Mr. Koller also stated there is an opening for a curator position with the East Berlin Historical Society due to a resignation. Mr. Koller said it would probably be a 3 day a week job, approximately 22 to 25 hours and he can provide a job description if anyone would be interested in applying for the position starting in December or January.

Mr. Koller also advised the members of new historical societies which have formed in the past several months in New Freedom, Glen Rock and Littlestown. Mr. Koller invited the GDHS members to attend their meeting on the 2nd Tuesday in November, 7:00 p.m., to hear Dr. Tom Shaffer speak about Camp Security, the POW camp during the Revolutionary War. Their meetings are held in the old Jefferson school on the hill towards the sticks. In addition, at their January meeting they will be having James McClure from the York Newspaper Company speak about the Underground Railroad in York County.

Joyce Law reported that an open/closed sign was made for the blacksmith shop which Larry Law put into a wooden frame so Ted can use it during colder weather when he has the doors closed.

OLD BUSINESS UPDATES

President Shermeyer stated there are no changes for the old business updates:

- 2005 – calendars with pictures of old buildings/homes in Dover – this will get started after the first of the year
- 2006 – Don Baughman – safe
- Pen/ink drawing of blacksmith shop for stationery and letterhead
- Cook stove in Borough garage – still needs moved to Bob Stitley's shop
- Annual craft show at blacksmith shop

President Shermeyer reminded members if they are interested in running for office to contact a member of the nominating committee. The election will take place at the November meeting and nominations will be taken from the floor if necessary.

President Shermeyer asked if there were any questions from the membership. Being none, there was a motion to adjourn made by Norma Botterbusch. Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Koch
GDHS secretary