

Meeting Minutes January 18, 2007

The regular meeting of the Greater Dover Historical Society was called to order at 7:07pm by President Ron Botterbusch. Members in attendance were: June Kinsey, Gayle Heagy, Madelyn Shermeyer, Lori Koch, Kay Stitley, Norma Botterbusch, Ron Botterbusch, Doris Burger, Grace Trimmer, Larry Law, Joyce Law, Phyllis Wolgamuth, Lois Slothower, Melvin Miller, Jo Ott, Maureen App, Dr. Charles Drawbaugh, Zee Kehr, Robert Kehr, Jeff Koch, Connie Miller, Ted Ziegler, Melanie Green, Bob Merkert, Zita Smith, Carol Leathery, Cindy Snyder and Martin Green.

President Botterbusch recognized Mayor Eric VanDyke of Dover Borough to administer the oath of office to the new officers and board of directors. Individuals sworn in are:

President	-	Madelyn	Shermeyer
Vice President	-	Kay	Stitley
Secretary	-	Lori	Koch
Treasurer	-	Joyce	Law
Historian	-	Cindy	Snyder
Archivist	Emeritus -	Dr. Charles	Drawbaugh

Board of Directors - Gayle Heagy, June Kinsey, Marty Green, Kay Stitley, Ron Botterbusch

Mayor VanDyke gave a brief and eloquent speech thanking the society for inviting him and appreciates all the work the society is doing to preserve the history of Dover. We also welcome our newest Dover resident, Josiah David VanDyke, who was born on January 12! Mayor VanDyke then proceeded with the swearing-in and a photograph of the group was taken by Norma Botterbusch.

Ron Botterbusch presented the official gavel to President Madelyn Shermeyer, which was hand engraved by Mr. Botterbusch. Madelyn thanked Ron for the gavel.

President Shermeyer made two appointments: Gayle Heagy was appointed Assistant Archivist. Maureen App was appointed Assistant Webmaster. This is a new title and position created to assist Brett when he is unavailable. Maureen, a Dover Township employee, was introduced to the members by Madelyn.

The November 2006 meeting minutes were presented. A motion was made by Lois Slothower, second by Melvin Miller, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Joyce Law stated she did not have the figures for November and December and asked Bob Merkert to make the report.

November	balance	--	\$4,652.39
December	income	--	\$302.21
December expenses	-- \$43.99 (Staples), \$23.00 (storage rental)	=	\$66.99
Balance as of December 31	--		\$4,897.61
Total income for 2006	--		\$6,842.62
Total expenses for 2006	--		\$3,861.31
Balance for 2006 -- \$2,981.31			

The Treasurer reported she has an invoice for the Capital One Storage due on February 1st and asked if it should be paid. It was agreed the bill should be paid as the shelving in the archive building is not installed yet. Madelyn reported that she and Harry will be purchasing the shelving lumber tomorrow and then arrangements will be made for installation.

Motion by Norma Botterbusch and seconded by Ron Botterbusch to adopt the Treasurer's Report as presented. All in favor and motion passed.

President Shermeyer presented the 2007 proposed budget to the members for review and requested a motion to approve. There being no questions on the budget, a motion was made by Bob Merkert, seconded by Jeff Koch to adopt the 2007 GDHS budget as presented. All in favor and motion passed.

Archivist Report

Gayle Heagy reported that Dr. Drawbaugh gave her a bag of goodies from Phyllis Latchaw Baker (who used to live at the bottom of the hill) with several items in: keys from Blue Bell Market, photo of York flood of 1933, photos of schools, old Webster's dictionary and some Dover Bicentennial items.

Gayle also reported that she was visiting in California this past August and read a newspaper article on the Durant Garage on the Lincoln Highway which was established as a weigh station in 1950. It is now home to historic memorabilia and a map of Route 30 in California and open to visitors. Gayle found this article very interesting since our own Lincoln Highway Garage in York City tried to get onto the historic register. Gayle also reported on another article she read about

an 11-year old boy from California who did a marathon in Hershey, PA and came in second place. She thought Brett Pfleiger would find it of interest since he is an avid runner.

Gayle stated she read the article in the recent Weekly Record newspaper published on Fridays about all the one-room schoolhouses throughout York County. She felt perhaps we could post the Dover ones on our society website under our education page to meet our requirements. Madelyn said information on the schoolhouses is in the Dover Township history. Gayle asked if we can post this on our website.

Gayle's daughter found and bid on an item on EBay. After it was received, it turned out to be a copy, not original, of the 1959 fire company bylaws. Another item donated was a Dover Cigar Company cigar press by Gayle's brother in California, which was purchased at a public sale. Gayle stated there was another item on EBay from Dover, but they did not bid on this one after their experience with the fire company bylaws. Gayle said it was a Hodgson, Dover PA anvil, (30th convention MFRMCA Pittsburgh) and asked if any members ever heard of Hodgson. Mr. Botterbusch said Hodgson was his great uncle who lived back on Piney Hill, Colonial Road area. He was a machinist by trade and had these 4-5" long anvils made in a foundry in Wrightsville. Mr. Botterbusch said he has one with all the "do-dads" on it. Gayle will check on EBay to see if it is still there and make an offer. Thought the bid was around \$24.95.

Website Report

Brett Pfleiger had a conflicting meeting so Joyce Law presented his report. The October minutes, some obituaries, updated membership form, revised meeting/events dates and all the unreadable minutes were redone and posted to the website.

Historian's Report

Cindy Snyder arrived late due to a conflicting meeting and report that history continues to be made!

Committee Reports

Kay Stitley reported that the Blacksmith Shop Dedication meeting was held two weeks ago. Several items were discussed and Kay believes the biggest worry so far for her so far is traffic control. She stated NYCRP will charge a fee if they are called in. She spoke to Larry Carpenter, Borough fire police, who said they could take care of it, but we will have to contact NYCRP since Butter Road is a state

highway. That is not correct; it is half Township and half Borough. The Society will send a letter to NYCRP advising them we are holding this event, but we will work with the Township and Borough fire police on traffic control. It was suggested to do the Blacksmith Shop dedication and official Borough park dedication on the same day. The committee is working on a lot of things and Kay asked for suggestions and ideas from the membership. The next meeting will be on January 30 at 7pm at the Borough Office.

June Kinsey reported on the Lottery ticket fundraiser. A total of 482 tickets were sold for a total of \$2,410. There have been 7 winners in the past 17 days (January 1 to present). All the winners were members.

June also reported on the Open House event. The committee has held 3 meetings and will schedule another one soon. The date of the open house is April 29 from 2pm to 5pm.

Madelyn Shermeyer reported on the Blood Root books. She had emailed Joe Marks but has not received a response from him. He had promised to give weekly updates but that has not happened. Madelyn will be in contact with him at home if she can and try to have a report for next meeting.

Board of Director's Report

June Kinsey reported that it was agreed to have Ted make a small "S" hook for the Open House mementoes. Unfortunately it has been too cold for production.

Madelyn Shermeyer reported that she had made a suggestion to the new Board of Directors to check into the Department of General Services (DGS) website for surplus property. There is a one-time \$25 fee.

A permanent address for the society was discussed by the Board of Directors. Madelyn asked Joyce if there had been any updates or changes made to the forms. She said no. This will be discussed later under new business.

Old Business

Lori Koch reported that the Christmas tree lighting ceremony held on the Friday after Thanksgiving was a huge success. We had a great band, delicious cookies and plenty of hot chocolate, coffee and cider. Santa arrived by fire truck and had candy canes for all the children. Our thanks to everyone who volunteered to help and donated refreshments. We look forward to another successful event next year.

Keys to the archive building were discussed. Gayle Heagy has the keys. In the minutes from December 9, 2003, a discussion transpired to assign an "assistant to the Assistant Archivist" so in case Gayle is out of town for a lengthy period of time, the assistant would have the keys. Madelyn Shermeyer was made the "assistant". This is how the key situation was decided and should clear up any questions relating to who has control of the archives keys. Joyce Law questioned if Larry Law would get a set of keys once the archive building is completely done. Madelyn stated that Gayle would make that decision.

Madelyn Shermeyer reported that the jail house marker will be getting a small fence, approximately 30" high. She spoke to Ted Ziegler and he will prepare a rough drawing of it. Maddie also talked to Don Baughman about fixing the crack.

It was discussed what items must stay on the website and what items can be removed. According to the forms filed with the IRS and Department of Revenue for our non-profit status, there are certain categories that must remain: education, kids' page, archives, our town characters, registry of homes/historical house plaques, and purpose of the society.

New Business

Blacksmith Shop replica - Madelyn spoke to Dawn Slegal, the Township secretary, asking if we can make our replica #4 in the township series. It would be "#4 in Dover Township series with execution by GDHS". If the GDHS does another one, it would be #5 and so on. It was suggested that the society should take on this project, as it would be a good fundraiser. Madelyn will get additional details on the process and deal directly with the Township staff. She will need the blacksmith shop history and a nice photograph of the shop for the replica. Marty Green asked if there will be a problem with the blacksmith shop being located in the Borough and the replica is a township series. Madelyn said she does not see any problem as long as the Borough is OK with it too. Lois Slothower asked how many replicas we should order. Madelyn suggested 500 (Township had 500 of the jailhouse, 1,000 of the carousel and sold out of the log house). June Kinsey asked if we can reorder if our supply runs out and Madelyn said yes. Gayle Heagy asked if the replicas are designated as Township and why do we need to differentiate between the Township and Borough. Suppose the Women of Today wanted to sponsor a replica. Madelyn is not sure if it actually states Township on the back of the replica. A motion was made by Norma Botterbusch and seconded by Doris Burger to instruct Madelyn Shermeyer to begin the process for the replica production. All in favor and motion passed. Melanie Green said she feels most people would want a photo of the new rebuilt blacksmith shop on the replica. Madelyn will get started on it.

Doris Burger stated she called Bob Little to get information on the blacksmith shop from his family book. She has not talked to him yet. Mr. Botterbusch and Dr. Drawbaugh are working on preparing information for the dedication program. Dr. Drawbaugh read the brief history prepared to date. He will also contact Bob Little for historical information. Ron Botterbusch will be speaking at the dedication about how the society was started and the blacksmith shop history will be printed in the program.

Madelyn Shermeyer talked about job descriptions for the officers. She will be meeting with the officers to discuss their particular job descriptions and suggested revisions to help run the society more smoothly and efficiently. She hopes to do these meetings sometime in February.

Madelyn stated that beginning at the February regular meeting, she is planning to submit an "Old Business Updates" agenda for the membership. In reviewing the minutes from previous meetings 2001-2006, Madelyn says there are a number of items that were suggested but no decision were ever made on said suggestions, i.e., Kay suggesting an "Old Tyme Days" at the blacksmith shop as a yearly event.

Madelyn and Joyce Law discussed a "permanent, central" mailing address for the Society. Anything pertaining to membership dues or billing goes to Joyce at her home address. All correspondence is still being delivered to 2 S. Main Street and someone picks up the mail from Mr. Botterbusch. We used to have the PO Box 303, but it was discontinued as cost prohibitive. The Board of Directors will take a look at this issue at their next meeting in March. It was suggested by Mr. Merkert to avoid using a PO Box since some businesses, like Staples, will not invoice to a PO Box.

Lucia Hrinyak is on vacation so Joyce Law presented her report on the adopt-a-highway program. The next pickup date is scheduled for February 24, weather permitting. A sign-up sheet is available for members to volunteer to help. A new meeting location will be at GDS on the corner of Rt. 74 and Temple School road. More information can be found in the newsletter.

Joyce Law reported that she needs all members to submit their 2006 volunteer hours to her no later than the February 15 meeting.

Joyce Law reported that some time ago Ted Ziegler suggested that there be a replica of a blacksmith so he has something to share with children who tour the shop while he is working. Joyce then presented Ted with a working replica of a blacksmith she made so Ted will have it to display in the blacksmith shop. Thank you for the nice job!

Madelyn Shermeyer reminded the officers and board of directors to sign the oath of office before leaving the meeting tonight.

Madelyn reported that the society made a profit of \$686.13 from the Fall Fest this past October at Lehr Park. She said there were a lot of donations from members and feels we all had fun that day. We hope to do it again this year.

Kay Stitley reported that she and Norma Botterbusch attended the recent West Manchester Township Historical Society meeting. They discussed a trip they made to see a museum in Maryland. Kay yielded to Bob Kehr to give additional details. Bob reported that they made a visit two weeks ago to Morris Meadows, owned by Clyde Morris, in Freeland, Maryland, with members from the Codorus Township Historical Society. Mr. Morris owns a large 500 acre farm and campground which has been in his family since 1793. They also have 50 head of buffalo. He has a small museum of hand tools, tractors and other items. Mr. Morris enjoys showing his museum items and they also do catering. It was suggested that a joint field trip with WMHS and GDHS be planned for sometime in May or June. All members thought it was a great idea. Bob Kehr will get more information on setting up this tour, and a possible catered lunch, and report back at another meeting.

Norma Botterbusch asked Jo Ott to report on a recent interview she did with a former Dover resident. Jo stated she met twice with Janet Myers Schwalm, who made a recent donation to the Society, and has the details prepared as a narrative. Mrs. Schwalm is 88 years old and lives in Langhorne, Bucks County. Her parents, Spangler Myers and Catherine Gross Myers of Kralltown, were former school teachers in Dover. She is the niece of Judge Hardy Gross. Janet was a member of the Class of 1936; her brother was a member of the Class of 1929. Her parent's farm used to be on the plot where Giant now stands (former Rogers farm).

Larry Law reported that the mulberry trees have been removed from the blacksmith shop site by the Borough employees. Larry said he spoke to Brad Lentz and thanked him.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Larry Law and seconded by Norma Botterbusch. Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Koch

GDHS Secretary