

Greater Dover Historical Society  
October 21, 2010

The regular meeting of the Greater Dover Historical Society was called to order by President Madelyn Shermeyer at 7:01 p.m. at the Calvary Lutheran Church. Members present were the following: Lori & Jeff Koch, Jo Ott, Kay Stitley, June Kinsey, Bill & Chris Coleman, Randy & Judy Worley, Larry Law, Lois Slothower, Madelyn Shermeyer, Mel Miller, Zita Smith, Ted Ziegler, Don & Donna Gross, Grace Trimmer and Norma Botterbusch. The members stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Shermeyer presented the September 2010 minutes and asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Jo Ott and seconded by Jeff Koch. All voted in favor and motion passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The treasurer's report for September 2010 was presented by Bill Coleman:

Balance as of September 1, 2010	\$14,308.85
Deposits for September	546.64
Expenses for September	875.24
Balance as of September 30, 2010	\$13,980.25

There was a motion by Lois Slothower to approve the treasurer's report as presented and seconded by Vice President Kay Stitley. All voted in favor and motion passed. President Shermeyer asked Bill Coleman to read the letter delivered by Randy Worley from the Dover High School Class of 1958, signed by Larry Bollinger, class treasurer. The class presented a \$250 donation to the GDHS. The membership agreed to place this donation into the cash reserve account.

Assistant Archivist report – Gayle Heagy reported a nail apron from Laird's Hardware Store was donated by Betty Lentz Newton.

Gayle reported that Zita Smith did research at the Courthouse to find out her home was built circa 1896. It was originally built in York by Peter Wiest of Wiest Department Stores and moved to Dover to its current location of 102 N. Main Street.

Historian report – no report

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Bloodroot – no report; President Shermeyer stated that Gayle Heagy has offered to help her print the books.

Adopt-a-Highway – Melanie Green was absent. The last pickup for the year was held on October 16 where 6 volunteers collected 6 bags of trash.

Landscaping Committee – Lucia Hrinyak was absent; President Shermeyer presented the report on her behalf. The landscaping committee, consisting of Lucia & Michael Hrinyak, June Kinsey and Randy & Judy Worley, met on October 11 for approximately 1.5 hours. The volunteers took care of general fall

cleanup in preparation for the winter season. They trimmed the barberry bushes, the redbud tree, the Rose of Sharon and the red twig dogwood shrubs. They cut back the leaves on the hostas, red hot poker, iris and all other summer blossoming perennial flowers. In the spring, they will cut the grasses, as they chose to wait until spring for this task since they give the garden some life during the winter. They decided to wait until next growing season to split any of the hostas and other plants in need of such care. Unfortunately, one of the beautiful day lilies donated by Betty Kinney's Daylily Farm has disappeared, leaving only a shallow depression indicating its former location. There were no telltale clues to its disappearance, so maybe it has a new and happy home elsewhere.

Board of Directors' report – no report

### OLD BUSINESS

Blacksmith Shop open house – Jo Ott reported there were 19 visitors, they sold a few items, and received donations.

Fall Fest – President Shermeyer reported the Fall Fest was a success and thanked all the volunteers for all the hard work they put into the event.

### NEW BUSINESS

President Shermeyer stated the BOD and officers will set a date for the budget meeting, usually the first week in November. President Shermeyer stated the log cabin is available any day, except Monday and Wednesday since the Girl Scouts meet on those days. The BOD will meet after the regular meeting to set the meeting date.

President Shermeyer reminded members to pick up a copy of the job descriptions on the table if anyone is interested in running for one of the offices and contact a member of the nominating committee, Zita Smith, Chris Coleman or Lucia Hrinyak. Committee chairs were also reminded to submit their budget requests to Bill Coleman prior to the budget meeting. Members were also reminded to submit their volunteer hours to Bill Coleman no later than March 2011.

President Shermeyer asked Lori Koch to share with the members her suggestion for updating the membership list and membership renewals for 2011. Lori reported she used the membership application from the website, made a few minor changes and will be sending it out to members for their 2011 renewal instead of using the Quicken program to generate invoices which was very time consuming. The renewal forms will be sent to all members who are paid current for 2010. Those members who have not paid dues for the past 3 years will be archived to a separate list if they do not return the form and pay dues for 2011. A new list of current active members will be created and kept separate from inactive members. Jo Ott stated she typed up a list of all visitors to the Blacksmith Shop which we may be able to use to recruit new members and also send them a copy of the newsletter via email.

President Shermeyer reported there has been a discrepancy on the sale price for the Dover Township 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary history book. The correct price is \$2 per book, which is also the price for which we sell the Brookside Park book. President Shermeyer stated there will be an article in the newspaper by Jim McClure on Brookside Park and the correct price is \$2 per book, not \$5. There was a brief discussion about Brookside Park and the carousel animals still in existence.

President Shermeyer reported that Michael & Lucia Hrinjak purchased the remaining supply of red brick. There are still a few of the rough brick left.

### QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Vice President Stitley reported that the WMHS will host guest speakers to discuss the topic of outhouses and digging up artifacts on the sites. The meeting is 7pm on November 15 at the WM Township Building. Vice President Stitley also had a photo of the quilt made by Pat McCleary's mother in 1995 which will be raffled off by the WMHS. Raffle tickets are available for purchase.

Judy Worley reported on a young blacksmith they met while camping at Pine Grove Furnace State Park recently. She stated the 16-year old young man, Michael Donmoyer from Hagerstown, MD, had a portable blacksmith fire and anvil set up during the Fall Fest craftsmen event at the park. Judy stated she and Randy were very impressed by Michael's items and blacksmith skills he presented at his display. Judy wanted the GDHS to keep his contact information on file in case we ever decide to invite outside blacksmiths to our open houses.

Randy Worley stated he read the article in the newspaper about the Brookside Park carousel building being demolished. President Shermeyer stated the building's structural posts are infested by powder-post beetles and it cannot be saved. Dover Township supervisors do plan to rebuild the carousel building on the same footprint in the springtime.

Gayle Heagy stated she read an article on the PHMC seeking historic sites for placement of new historical markers. Gayle mentioned the cemetery near her home where Revolutionary War soldiers are buried as a possible site. There is a historical marker near Walgreen's regarding General Early.

Randy Worley brought up the matter of the date stone in the Blacksmith Shop and how difficult it is to read it. He asked if it could be cleaned. A rubbing could be made but it cannot be cleaned. There is written description of the date stone posted above it for visitors to read.

There being no further questions or suggestions from the membership, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Koch  
GDHS secretary