

Greater Dover Historical Society

April 15, 2010

The regular meeting of the Greater Dover Historical Society was called to order by President Madelyn Shermeyer at 7:07 p.m. at the Calvary Lutheran Church. Members present were the following: Lori Koch, Jeff Koch, Harry Shermeyer, Madelyn Shermeyer, Kay Stitley, Melanie Green, Lois Slothower, Ramon Langione, Chris & William Coleman, Jo Ott, Gayle Heagy, Judy & Randy Worley, Ted Ziegler, Norma Botterbusch, Zita Smith and Cindy Snyder. The members stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Shermeyer presented the March 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 Judy Worley. All voted in favor and motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Balance as of March 1, 2010	\$15,197.46
Deposits for March	325.10
Expenses for March	15.84
Balance as of March 31, 2010	\$15,506.82

There was a motion by Harry Shermeyer to approve the treasurer's report as presented and seconded by Vice President Kay Stitley. All voted in favor and motion passed. It was reported the balance of the grant account will reflect \$400 less as the treasurer reported he recently paid the invoice for the remaining historic house plaques. There is a balance of \$565.33 in the grant account for the Blacksmith Shop.

Assistant Archivist report – Gayle Heagy reported that Randy Worley donated a mail pouch from Mundis Supply; Vice President Stitley brought in Dover High School items from 1938, 1940-41 which were donated by Evelyn Seitz, and President Shermeyer stated she and Harry put the quilting frame in the storage shed. The donation paperwork needs to be completed for the frame.

Webpage report – no report

Historian report – no report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bloodroot – no report

Adopt-a-Highway – Melanie Green reported the first litter pick-up for this year will be held on April 24 at 8 a.m. This date is designated as a statewide clean-up day. The sign-up sheet is on the table for members to volunteer to help on April 24.

Landscaping Committee – Lucia Hrinyak was absent, but Judy Worley gave the report on her behalf. The committee met on April 15 at the storage shed to do a spring cleanup of the gardens surrounding the shed. Present were Lucia & Michael Hrinyak, June Kinsey and Randy & Judy Worley. The group did pruning, trimming, weeding and raking leaves for about an hour and a half. Some of the tulips did not flower this year; the lilac shrub has flower buds for the first time since it was planted in this location; the redbud tree was just beginning to show its red flowers; many of the perennials were beginning to emerge, and a passerby on the walking trail commented how nice the garden looks. The next work day will be planned for the first half of June when the committee expects to extend the informal brick path at the rear of the shed and put down mulch. Harry Shermeyer stated there are 2 locust trees on the east side at the rear of the Blacksmith Shop that need to be removed.

Board of Directors' report – Jeff Koch reported on the board meeting held prior to our regular meeting this evening. The following items were discussed: (1) The notepaper will be sold for \$5 per set. (2) The issue of seeking volunteers to help open/close the Blacksmith Shop was discussed. President Shermeyer stated she and Harry spent time doing cleanup to get the Shop ready for the first open house in April this year. Items were left out on the table and a couple of the t-shirts were damaged by squirrels. Additional storage bins will be purchased to protect items from squirrels and dust. It was decided to ask for volunteers at our meetings in March and September. (3) Email address on the GDHS website – this address is invalid most likely since our server was upgraded by Brett Pfeiger; it was agreed to change it to allow President Shermeyer to access and receive emails for our website via the Township. (4) Delinquent memberships – the issue of non-payment by members was discussed as our records show members who have not paid dues for 2 or more years. It was decided that only current paid members should be permitted to attend the annual picnic in July. Our records show we have approximately 260 members but less than half are actually current with their membership dues. (5) Website page – the Board discussed payment of the website fees; Brett Pfeiger still pays the monthly fee and wants to donate the fee to the GDHS; the Board decided the monthly website fee should be paid by the GDHS, either by direct debit from the checking account or via Pay-Pal. President Shermeyer will contact Brett Pfeiger.

President Shermeyer stated our Articles of Incorporation still lists the contact person and address as Susan Forrey. This information needs to be updated.

OLD BUSINESS

Annual craft day – President Shermeyer reminded members that we need a chairperson for this event which will be held on June 12, 2011. There was a suggestion from a

member that we could check our current membership list and call members asking if they would be interested in chairing this event. Judy Worley voiced her concern that she feels we do not have adequate time or manpower to coordinate this event. Judy suggested the Board of Directors take the chair of this event, contact members to volunteer and delegate duties and responsibilities. She also offered a suggestion that we invite 1 or 2 select craftspeople to our monthly Blacksmith Shop open house where they can demonstrate their craft to visitors. Many members were receptive to this idea. Cindy Snyder suggested a community yard sale and invite craftspeople to participate. Harry Shermeyer stated that he and Larry Law feel there may be a gap in the roof line rafters where the squirrels and chipmunks may be entering and they plan to discuss options to fix this problem.

Blacksmith Shop – Jo Ott reported that 9 scouts from the Wolf Den #22 attended the April BSS open house and stated that Randy Worley was a big help. Vice President Stitley said the scouts asked very good questions, and there were also 2 visitors who were blacksmiths. Danny Wertz and his son were there to help Ted since Larry was out of town.

President Shermeyer reminded members to submit their volunteer hours to Bill Coleman.

NEW BUSINESS

Speakers – President Shermeyer reported she spoke to Don Baughman who indicated he would be available to be our speaker in June, and the presentation should last approximately 30 minutes.

Jo Ott presented the highlights of the History & Heritage Organizations meeting held on March 29 at the York Heritage Trust. Jo stated one of the items discussed was having each organization place its GPS coordinates on their websites, and Jo suggested the GDHS should consider placing the Blacksmith Shop GPS coordinates on our website. The membership felt this was a good idea since geocaching is garnering more interest in our area. President Shermeyer will speak to Nathan at the Township about adding the GPS info to our website.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Ted Ziegler reminded members to lock all the doors at the Blacksmith Shop before they leave. During one of his visits, he found the hand-forged pin at the bottom of one of the doors was not secured into the floor.

President Shermeyer shared an article about the watch museum which was written by Kimberly Shirey and submitted for the record by Norma Botterbusch. On another note, President Shermeyer stated the Blacksmith Shop will be featured on the cover of the York County Association of Township Supervisors publication.

Vice President Stitley brought in a book on Frakturs from her daughter-in-law's grandmother who recently relocated from Hegins, PA to Providence Place in Dover

Township. Her family is donating the book to the GDHS.

There being no further questions or suggestions from the membership, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Koch, GDHS secretary