

Greater Dover Historical Society
November 18, 2010

The regular meeting of the Greater Dover Historical Society was called to order by President Madelyn Shermeyer at 7:04 p.m. at the Calvary Lutheran Church. Members present were the following: Lori & Jeff Koch, Kay Stitley, Larry Law, Madelyn & Harry Shermeyer, Jo Ott, Gayle Heagy, Carol Leathery, Doris Burger, Connie Miller, Grace Trimmer, Bill & Chris Coleman, June Kinsey, Cindy Snyder, Don & Donna Gross, Lois Slothower, Ted Ziegler, Mel Miller and Zita Smith. The members stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Shermeyer presented the October 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 Chris Coleman. All voted in favor and motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report for October 2010 was presented by Bill Coleman. There was a motion by Mel Miller to approve the treasurer's report as presented and seconded by Larry Law. All voted in favor and motion passed.

Assistant Archivist report – Gayle Heagy reported several photos and miscellaneous documents from the early 1900's relating to Dr. Jay Gross, former Dover resident and postmaster, were donated today.

Board of Directors' report – Jeff Koch reported the following: 1). the flowers and other plants around the Blacksmith Shop will be removed and grass planted around the perimeter since we could not find anyone who wanted to take care of the flowers. 2). Our archive space is full so the BOD determined that any donated item must be at least 50 years old and indigenous to the Dover area. Any duplicates or items not from the Dover area can be advertised for sale. 3). any item in the Blacksmith Shop that is not directly related to the shop or its workings will be moved into the archive storage shed. 4). Our GDHS bylaws will be revised to state Board of Director meetings will be held twice a year or as needed. 5). the bookkeeping software used by the Treasurer will be upgraded from Quicken to QuickBooks for Non-Profits. 6). A preservation grant is available from the PHMC to assist local historical societies and we plan to submit an application for the GDHS for our historical walk and brochures. President Shermeyer provided a few details on the items to be cleared out of the Blacksmith Shop and space available in the archives storage at the Township Building. In reference to the bellows in the BSS, Gayle Heagy sent the historical donation form to the gentleman who donated it but it has not been returned to date. We are under the impression it is not from Dover and since it takes up a great deal of space in the BSS, it will be moved into the storage shed. Cindy Snyder suggested when our meeting ads appear in the newspaper we should clarify in the article what donated items are acceptable (50 years and older) and not just state "accepting memorabilia".

Historian report – no report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bloodroot – no report

Adopt-a-Highway – Melanie Green was absent; no report.

Landscaping Committee – Lucia Hrinyak had to leave the meeting early. Jo Ott reported the missing lily has been replaced and some new ones were also planted. President Shermeyer stated the day lilies that she planted on south side of the Blacksmith Shop will be removed after this season since she cannot take care of them anymore. Any member who would like to dig them up is welcome to do so.

OLD BUSINESS

President Shermeyer reported she obtained a copy of the York County Association of 2nd Class Township Supervisor's 94th annual convention booklet for the GDHS archives since a photo of our Blacksmith Shop appeared on the cover.

NEW BUSINESS

President Shermeyer reminded members to submit their ideas for guest speakers in 2011.

GDHS picnic – President Shermeyer asked the membership if we want to continue holding our annual picnic in July. A discussion was held about holding it at another location or a different date. Brookside Park was suggested instead of using Lehr Park's pavilion. A firm decision will need to be made in January 2011.

President Shermeyer reminded members to submit their volunteer hours to Bill Coleman. In addition, it was noted that Brookside Park books are to be sold for \$2 each.

Brookside Park carousel building – President Shermeyer stated that according to the society's bylaws, we are not permitted to support political activities. President Shermeyer said she did send emails to several members of the GDHS seeking letters/emails of support for the rebuilding of the carousel building in Brookside Park. Several GDHS members (including Lori Koch, Bill Coleman, Gayle Heagy and Lois Slothower) submitted letters of support for the rebuilding of the carousel building to President Shermeyer; these testimonies will be given to the Township Manager and not shared with the Board of Supervisors per President Shermeyer. President Shermeyer reported that the Dover Township Board of Supervisors did vote to authorize the rebuilding of the structure. The plans are to rebuild as it appears today and will include a sink and stove. President Shermeyer stated if any other Dover resident wants to submit a letter of support, please send her an email or drop a letter off at the Township Office

addressed to her.

Election of Officers – President Shermeyer handed out the ballots for the election of officers and asked Gayle Heagy to handle nominations from the floor. Tabulators appointed to count the ballots were Zita Smith, Chris Coleman and June Kinsey. There were no nominations from the floor for any position on the ballot; therefore, voting proceeded and tabulation completed. The following were duly elected:

President – Madelyn Shermeyer
Vice President – Kay Stitley
Secretary – Lori Koch
Treasurer – Bill Coleman
Board of Directors – Judy Worley, Lois Slothower, Ron Botterbusch

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

There being no further questions or suggestions from the membership, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Koch
GDHS secretary