

Greater Dover Historical Society
January 20, 2011

The regular meeting of the Greater Dover Historical Society was called to order by President Madelyn Shermeyer at 7:00 p.m. at the Calvary Lutheran Church. Members present were the following: Lori & Jeff Koch, Carol Leathery, Judy & Randy Worley, Melanie Green, Jo Ott, Bill & Chris Coleman, Kay Stitley, Madelyn & Harry Shermeyer, Lois Slothower, Zita Smith, Walt Crider and Larry Law. The members stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Shermeyer asked to have anyone wishing to speak to please stand in front facing the membership since it was brought to her attention that some members cannot hear the speaker when addressing the group from their chair in the audience. The swearing-in of the Officers and Board of Directors proceeded, followed by a group photograph.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's reports for November and December 2010 were presented by Bill Coleman:

There was a motion by Lois Slothower to approve the treasurer's reports as presented and seconded by Harry Shermeyer. All voted in favor and motion passed.

Assistant Archivist report – Gayle Heagy was absent. President Shermeyer reported that the bell (approximately 200 lbs.) from the Otterbein United Methodist Church in Dover Borough was donated by Keith & Claudia Shermeyer who live on Pinchtown Road. The bell was donated in memory of Richard Eisenhower.

President Shermeyer reported the Brookside Park carousel building was demolished on January 10. She took several photographs and will ask Gayle Heagy if she would like these photos for our future archives or if the photos should be given to Cindy Snyder for the historian's records.

Historian report – no report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bloodroot – President Shermeyer reported she made copies of Bloodroot #1 and #2 and she will take these copies to Print-O-Stat to make a sample.

Adopt-a-Highway – Melanie Green did not have a report but said a date will be set for sometime in April.

Landscaping Committee – no report

Board of Directors – no report

OLD BUSINESS

President Shermeyer asked members to bring suggestions for guest speakers in 2011. Cindy Snyder will make a presentation in April on antique kitchen gadgets and President Shermeyer has asked Dover Township Deputy Fire Chief Glenn Jensen to do a presentation on fire prevention at a date to be determined. Randy Worley suggested we invite Jim McClure to discuss any subject of his choice.

NEW BUSINESS

GDHS picnic – at the November 2010 meeting, it was discussed by the membership about moving our annual picnic to September instead of July due to the hot weather. A poll of members showed the majority agreed to hold it in September and the location will be at Brookside Park in Building #2, which has kitchen facilities like Lehr Park. President Shermeyer will reserve the building for September 15th and check on the availability of the Log House for our July 21st meeting since Calvary Lutheran is not available in July due to Bible School. It was suggested to hold our July meeting at the Blacksmith Shop, but most members agreed the Log House was a more viable option since it has air conditioning.

President Shermeyer reminded members to submit their volunteer hours to Bill Coleman. The sign-up sheets for refreshments and Blacksmith Shop open house are on the table also.

President Shermeyer reported forms are on the table for the “Buy-A-Brick” campaign to help rebuild the carousel building at Brookside Park. Donald Baughman will be doing the engraving on the red bricks which will cost \$50 for 2 lines or \$75 for 3 lines. President Shermeyer said Jo Ott will contact Joan Concilio at the YDR about running an article on this project. Your support will be greatly appreciated!

President Shermeyer reported that Jo Ott will be in contact with Joan Concilio at the YDR to ensure that any newspaper articles related to the GDHS archives will note that donations must be at least 50 years old or older.

Blacksmith Shop replicas – President Shermeyer reported a total of 129 replicas have been sold to date and 201 remain to be sold. If all replicas are sold, the GDHS will realize a profit of \$1,047.

President Shermeyer reported on correspondence from Acer Associates concerning a proposed wireless phone site on Skytop Trail by AT&T. It was verified through Dover Township officials and documentation filed with the PA Historic Preservation Office that nothing historic was located on or near the proposed site for the wireless service tower to be compliant with FCC regulations.

Harry Shermeyer reported he constructed a dolly base for the bell donated by Keith & Claudia Shermeyer so it can be easily moved once it is stored in the archive storage shed. The bell weighs at least 200 lbs. and is 25” in diameter, 30” high. Harry stated it needs a couple wheels that swivel and Jeff Koch said he has some wheels at home which Harry can use.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Randy Worley asked if the boxes of slate have been removed from the storage shed. President Shermeyer said she will check next time she is there.

Bill Coleman introduced a new member, Walt Crider and he was welcomed by the membership. Walt lives in Dover Township.

There being no further questions or suggestions from the membership, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Koch
GDHS secretary