

Greater Dover Historical Society  
March 17, 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, Mel Miller, Bill & Chris Coleman, Lois Slothower, Madelyn & Harry Shermeyer, Carol Leathery, June Kinsey, Kay Stitley, Randy & Judy Worley, Melanie Green, Zita Smith, Larry Law and Gayle Heagy. The members stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. President Shermeyer asked for a brief moment of silence for the people of Japan.

President Shermeyer presented the February 2011 minutes and asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Vice President Kay Stitley and seconded by Jeff Koch. All voted in favor and motion passed.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report for February 2011 was presented by Bill Coleman. There was a motion by Chris Coleman to approve the treasurer's report as presented and seconded by Lois Slothower. All voted in favor and motion passed. President Shermeyer stated she is pleased to see the cash reserve account is growing.

Assistant Archivist report – Gayle Heagy reported that Ethel Fitzkee brought a very large scrapbook of the Rentzel family history for Gayle to review and one of the most interesting items was a bill from Emig's Funeral Home for \$40.

Historian report – no report

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bloodroot – President Shermeyer presented sample copies of the Bloodroot books, both tape bound and spiral bound. The Board of Directors made a decision which book to print and it will be reported by Jeff Koch. President Shermeyer will place the book printing order at Print-O-Stat tomorrow.

Adopt-a-Highway – Melanie Green reported litter pickup will be held on April 2 and a sign-up sheet is on the table.

Landscaping Committee – no report

Board of Directors – Jeff Koch reported the Board held a meeting to discuss the following: 1). The Bloodroot books will be printed using the spiral binding since the price was the same as the tape bound version. We will sell the books for \$10 each and will order 50 copies. It was suggested we should post it on our website and advertise in the newspaper when the books are

available for sale. 2). Blacksmith Shop items for sale and bar stock – Jeff Koch acquired a quote for bar stock from Pennsylvania Steel for three 20-foot pieces of bar stock for \$134. Lois Slothower stated her husband Wayne can get a quote from a vendor he uses at his business. It was discussed to have additional supply of bar stock available since Ted's stock is dwindling. 3). The Board decided to that given the large stock of BSS items for sale, we would ask Ted to do demonstrations this year and not make more items for sale until the inventory is nearly depleted. If any individual would like to order an item, they can work directly with Ted to place the order and make arrangements for payment. 4). Bellows – Jeff spoke to Ted about the bellows; Ted will contact the gentleman who donated it to see if the Dillsburg Historical Society would like to have the bellows since they are building a blacksmith shop. 5). It was suggested the GDHS purchase some of the most popular items made by Ted to show visitors what a blacksmith can make. Ted does have another market available to him to sell the items which are already produced and in stock. Many of the items made are prepped by Ted and Larry prior to the open house so there is a lot of work that goes into making the items. The sale prices for items may be reduced. 6). If the GDHS decides to bring in other blacksmiths to work at the open house, Ted has indicated he would like to be there to supervise. 7). Jeff Koch reported that Bill Coleman has requested an audit of the GDHS financial records. It was indicated that Norma Botterbusch is checking with a CPA she knows that has done audits for other historical societies. 8). There is an old photocopier in the storage shed which had been donated by Lois Slothower. Jeff Koch will pick it up and take it to ACE Hardware for recycling. 9). There is a set of sawhorses in the storage shed which are not being used. Jeff Koch will look at them to see if he can use them.

### OLD BUSINESS

President Shermeyer reminded members to submit their volunteer hours to Bill Coleman so the IRS 990N-e-postcard can be filed. President Shermeyer and Bill Coleman worked on the form recently and President Shermeyer stated she will file the form online. Bill agreed this was fine.

Trash bags – Judy Worley reported on the trash bag inventory. She provided a copy of the list of trash bags in stock to President Shermeyer, Secretary Lori Koch, Treasurer Bill Coleman and a copy to the Board of Directors. Judy stated one box was chewed by mice. Judy took this box home and counted out 8 packages, each containing 25 bags. She purchased one package which had damaged bags which the mice chewed. The original order for the trash bags was made in 2004, a total of 60 cases were received for a total paid of \$1,000. Judy Worley suggested we think about lowering the price we are charging since we have not even covered the cost we paid for the bags to date. According to the treasurer records, the total trash bags sold to date have brought in \$754.

Day Lilies – President Shermeyer reminded members if anyone wants any of the day lilies at the Blacksmith Shop to please dig out what you want.

President Shermeyer reminded members that Cindy Snyder will display her antique kitchen

gadgets at the April meeting.

### NEW BUSINESS

Speakers – President Shermeyer said the next speaker lined up is Glenn Jensen from the Dover Township Fire Department who will speak on fire safety for older individuals. Mel Miller stated that West Manchester Historical Society will have two speakers this year and Randy Worley suggested we invite Jim McClure. Other suggestions for guest speakers are welcomed. Judy Worley suggested a show-and-tell at the meeting where members can bring in antiques to display, similar to what is done at the West Manchester Historical Society meetings.

Flower barrels – President Shermeyer reported the bottom of the flower barrels which sit outside the Blacksmith Shop have fallen out. A motion was made by Harry Shermeyer to remove the flower barrels and seconded by June Kinsey. All vote in favor and motion passed.

Volunteers – President Shermeyer reported she lined up several volunteers to paint the new restroom building at the Log Cabin sometime in April after the weather warms up. The volunteers are Jeff & Lori Koch, Lisa Byerts and President Shermeyer.

April meeting – President Shermeyer stated our April meeting date will conflict with Maundy Thursday services at the church so the Board decided to move our meeting date to April 14. It will be posted in the Weekly Record.

Lois Slothower mentioned one of the teenagers at church said they didn't know that students could join the GDHS. Lois asked how much outreach exposure membership in the GDHS gets in our schools. Carol Leathery stated that a student, Alex Miller, made a presentation on historical sites in Dover at a school board meeting. She will try to get in touch with Alex and ask him to attend one of our meetings to make a presentation.

Melanie Green stated she met a gentleman from the Morris Meadows Museum who invited the GDHS and its members to attend one of their meetings held on Wednesdays at 7pm. They have speakers every month on different subjects. Melanie will get additional details.

Gayle Heagy reported she received a letter from the York County Heritage Trust (YCHT) concerning their "Then and Now" exhibit, which Judy Worley read aloud. The letter thanked the GDHS for participating in the exhibit and stated there is a virtual exhibit on the YCHT website. They are seeking permission from the GDHS by March 21 to use our images on their website exhibit. There was a motion by Judy Worley to respond yes to the YCHT and seconded by Harry Shermeyer. All voted in favor and motion passed.

Other business – key for the Blacksmith Shop. President Shermeyer reported that the Dover Borough Manager requested a key for the Blacksmith Shop to check the fire extinguisher and have it certified. The issue was discussed and it was decided that he should contact either

President Shermeyer or Randy Worley to arrange to pick up the fire extinguisher. It should be taken care of before the BSS open house on April 9<sup>th</sup>. Randy confirmed he will at the first open house.

President Shermeyer reported she has created lists for each of our fundraisers to keep accurate records of sales and current inventory for the replicas, trash bags and Bloodroot books. Lori Koch suggested we should create an order form to post to the GDHS website for all the fundraiser items.

#### QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Randy Worley mentioned he saw in the newspaper where Mr. Byerts and Mr. Crider passed away. President Shermeyer reported that Jo Ott had been in the hospital with respiratory problems but is doing better and went home today.

There being no further questions or suggestions from the membership, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Koch  
GDHS secretary