

Greater Dover Historical Society  
April 19, 2012

The regular meeting of the Greater Dover Historical Society was called to order by President Madelyn Shermeyer at 7:05 p.m. at Calvary Lutheran Church in Dover. Members present were the following: Lori Koch, Chris & Bill Coleman, Zita Smith, Lucia Hrinyak, Jo Ott, Kay Stitley, Madelyn Shermeyer, Cindy Snyder, Norma Botterbusch, Mackenzie Lentz, Randy & Judy Worley. Two guests were introduced -- Peggy & Howard Powell from Dover Township. The members stood for the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence in honor of those serving in harm's way.

President Shermeyer presented the March 2012 minutes for approval 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 Cindy Snyder. All voted in favor and motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report for March 2012 was presented. There was a motion by Cindy Snyder to approve the treasurer's report as presented and seconded by Gayle Heagy. All voted in favor and motion passed. Bill Coleman read correspondence from Dover Township which included a donation to the GDHS of \$200 from the Wallace Fund. This donation will be reported officially on next month's treasurer's report.

Assistant Archivist report – Gayle Heagy reported on items donated by Wayne & Dodie Gross which they acquired at the public sale by Margie Naugle, who used to live on the square where Tom's Exxon is currently located. President Shermeyer reported the church pew was moved into the archive storage shed. Gayle reported that she and Madelyn visited a home in Moulstown belonging to Phyllis Wire Emig, who is related to Jenny Emig and her son, Bill Emig (former constable), who used to live in Bantytown. They received several donated items, including a confirmation certificates dated 1846-47 and 1905; a marriage certificate dated 1877; a birth/baptismal certificate dated 1858 and several photographs. Several of the certificates are in the form of a Fraktur.

Historian report – no report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Blood Root -- President Shermeyer reported that 16 books have been sold as of March 16<sup>th</sup>. Additional methods of advertising will be researched and implemented. Peggy Powell asked what the Blood Root was about and President Shermeyer gave her a quick history of the books.

Adopt-a-Highway – Melanie Green was absent due to the death of her mother. Vice President Kay Stitley reported that 6 volunteers collected approximately 17 bags of trash in 2 hours on April 14.

Landscaping Committee – Lucia Hrinyak reported the committee met on March 27 for the spring cleanup at the storage shed. Four committee members did some light weeding and pruning. Lucia also reported that Jo Ott has joined the committee to replace June Kinsey who resigned. The committee will meet again in May to spread mulch and Randy Worley reported that he power-washed the storage shed to remove some green mold.

BOD report – no report. Cindy Snyder stated the BOD may meet prior to our May meeting, if any issues arise for discussion. It was reported that Ron Botterbusch resigned from the BOD and President Shermeyer appointed Vice President Kay Stitley to fill out this term, as permitted by the GDHS bylaws.

Blacksmith Shop open house – Randy Worley reported that the April open house was a success. There were approximately 22 visitors; Jeff Koch and Cindy Snyder stopped in to help after the litter pick-up.

Historical plaques – Gayle Heagy reported she has been in contact with 4 of the 5 property owners who will receive the plaques. She has not been able to make contact with the property owners on Mayfield Street and the gentleman who owns the Leader home at Locust Point lives in California. Gayle reported she will contact the gentleman, Mr. Moul (nephew of Michael Hoffman), from California in May or June when he plans to be here in the area. A letter will be sent to the Mayfield Street property owner since Gayle was unable to reach him in person. Ken Brown has agreed to install the historical plaques pro bono.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Church pews – President Shermeyer reported that one church pew has been placed into the archive storage shed in Ketterman Park. President Shermeyer gave a brief history of the church pews in response to a question from one of our visitors, Peggy Powell. President Shermeyer took a moment to formally introduce the Powells to the membership.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Small Games of Chance license – President Shermeyer presented an update on the small games of chance license renewal for the members. The Act was amended recently to require all officers or persons who operate a game of chance to complete criminal history background checks, which cost \$10 per application. The members agreed that since the GDHS has not utilized this license since the lottery drawing fundraiser several years ago, the license will not be renewed in 2012.

GDHS meeting location – President Shermeyer reported that plans are being made for social hall renovations at Calvary Lutheran Church and we may need to move our monthly meetings to the Log House. Zita Smith will check with church officers about the status of renovations so we can make appropriate arrangements to hold our meetings at the Log House.

Historical Walk – President Shermeyer reported that she, along with Gayle Heagy & Vice President Kay Stitley, reviewed the GDHS website relating to the historic walk and prepared a list of corrections to be posted to the website. These changes were given to Tom Miles, along with Event updates and Our Store updates.

Carousel Building – President Shermeyer reported the dedication of the rebuilt Carousel Building will be held on Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. All members are invited to attend this open house dedication. Vice President Kay Stitley volunteered to help sell replicas and the Century of Reflections book at this event for the GDHS.

#### QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Vice President Kay Stitley reported that Dover Elementary 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders will be scheduled to take the Dover Historical Walk for their class field trip this year. No specific date has been chosen, but it will mostly likely take place in May.

President Shermeyer stated she read the March 23<sup>rd</sup> Weekly Record article with photos on local Dover churches and asked if any member knew who submitted the information. None of our members took credit for the article and it appears the newspaper staff published the information on their own.

President Shermeyer reported she will absent from our May meeting and Vice President Stitley will conduct the meeting. Bill Zech is confirmed to be our guest speaker at the May meeting and Jo Ott volunteered to submit an article to the newspaper regarding same.

President Shermeyer reported she met a gentleman named Seifert at the Blacksmith Shop who told her that his uncle was a blacksmith. He told her that his father was Farmer Seifert and his mother was Dolores Anderson Seifert. Mr. Seifert said he thought his uncle worked in the blacksmith shop prior to Madelyn's Uncle Neiman from Locust Point.

There being no further questions or suggestions from the membership, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Koch  
GDHS secretary