

Greater Dover Historical Society
February 16, 2012

The regular meeting of the Greater Dover Historical Society was called to order by President Madelyn Shermeyer at 7:10 p.m. at Calvary Lutheran Church in Dover. Members present were the following: Lori Koch, Gayle Heagy, Harry & Madelyn Shermeyer, Chris & Bill Coleman, Norma Botterbusch, Cindy Snyder, Mel Miller and Kay Stitley. The members stood for the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence in honor of those serving our country and their families.

President Shermeyer reported that Kay Stitley and Gayle Heagy were sworn-in earlier this evening as officers. Mr. Botterbusch is the only Board member who has not been sworn-in.

President Shermeyer presented the January 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 Cindy Snyder and seconded by Kay Stitley. All voted in favor and motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report for January 2012 was presented. There was a motion by Harry Shermeyer to approve the treasurer's report as presented and seconded by Chris Coleman. All voted in favor and motion passed

Assistant Archivist report – Gayle Heagy reported 2 donations: a radio receiver was donated by Jack Westerhold and the copy a bill of sale from 1878 for property owned by John Raffensberger of Dover Township. Gayle reported she has been discussing with President Shermeyer the donation of a Jacob Joner 1838 Springfield rifle and displaying it at the Dover Township Building in the glass case. The Township's liability insurance will not cover the rifle's value if stored in the archives or displayed in the case. Gayle stated she is willing to sign a waiver stating an insurance value cannot be placed on the rifle since it is irreplaceable. President Shermeyer will bring the matter up the Board of Supervisors again.

Historian report – no report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Landscaping Committee – no report

Board of Directors – Cindy Snyder stated the BOD has reorganized and she will schedule a meeting in March. Lori Koch asked if the BOD had discussed the issue brought up by Eli concerning hosting a Cub Scout group at the BSS for educational purposes.

Adopt-a-Highway – no report

OLD BUSINESS

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

Trash bags – President Shermeyer reported that Chris Coleman has stepped up to volunteer to handle the trash bag inventory. Chris and President Shermeyer did a complete count of the trash bags. Chris

has all the boxes in her garage and anyone who wants trash bags should contact Chris Coleman directly.

Civil War 150th Anniversary – President Shermeyer reported she spoke to Don Keener concerning contacting a re-enactment group to come to Dover for an event at Cannon Ridge (former golf course) in Dover Township. Mr. Keener said at this point the group does not appear to be interested, but he will keep trying to find a re-enactment group.

NEW BUSINESS

President Shermeyer stated the sign-up sheet for refreshments is on the table.

Dover Fair – President Shermeyer reminded members that a Chairperson for the Dover Fair is needed. Kay Stitley stepped up and stated she will chair it again this year. Several members volunteered to help at the stand – Cindy Snyder, Chris Coleman, and Norma Botterbusch. Kay Stitley stated she would like to prepare a photo display of local residents in the military for the Dover Fair stand. We can advertise in the YDR/Weekly Record and in the next GDHS newsletter asking residents to donate photographs.

Guest speakers – President Shermeyer asked for suggestions for speakers for 2012. A list was compiled of suggested speakers which President Shermeyer recorded for future reference, such as junior curator with the YHT, wood carver, weavers, Ben Franklin impersonator, PA Dutch storyteller and Civil War re-enactor. President Shermeyer said she will list guest speaker suggestions on the March agenda too.

BSS paranormal investigation – President Shermeyer reported that our webmaster Tom Miles has asked to perform an investigation at the Blacksmith Shop. He has conducted one at the log cabin. There were no objections from the members. Chris Coleman indicated she would be interested in attending when Tom conducts this at the BSS.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Norma Botterbusch stated a re-enactor group sets up on weekends at Outdoor World in Big Mount and they may be interested in coming to Dover. President Shermeyer stated she will check with Don Keener about this particular group.

There being no further questions or suggestions from the membership, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Koch
GDHS secretary

GDHS SPEAKER LIST

GDHS Feb. Meeting I asked for suggestions for speakers:

Pat Anderson 266-0649- Speaks with a PA Dutch accent-story teller

I believe Randy suggested this at an earlier meeting.

Curator-Jr. Program for the Heritage Trust: suggested by Cindy Snyder

Bill Zech - wood carver

Ben Franklin-impersonator- Cindy/Gayle

Civil War Speaker - Cindy (perhaps we could schedule this for the beginning of 2013 to tie in with the 150th celebration.)I will address this at the March meeting.

Civil War Band - Jim VanLaeys (lives in WMTwp)- Mel Miller (Kay knows him)

Another suggestion by Norma B. Was for each member to bring an item and have the other members guess what it is or used for.

Here is the email for the Heirloom Weavers:

246-2431

<http://www.familyheirloomweavers.com/>