

Greater Dover Historical Society
July 19, 2012

The regular meeting of the Greater Dover Historical Society was called to order by President Madelyn Shermeyer at 7:00 p.m. at Calvary Lutheran Church in Dover. Members present were the following: Lori Koch, Madelyn Shermeyer, Bill & Chris Coleman, Randy & Judy Worley, Gayle Heagy, Kay Stitley, Cindy Snyder, Carol Leathery, Shirley Weaver and Zita Smith. 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 June 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 Chris Coleman. All voted in favor and motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report for June 2012 was presented by Bill Coleman. There was a motion by Cindy Snyder to approve the treasurer's report as presented and seconded by Judy Worley. All voted in favor and motion passed. Bill Coleman reported that Fulton Bank has sent notification of changes being made to non-profits' accounts effective in September, whereby our account will be permitted 200 monthly transactions which includes ACH fees/electronic transfers.

Assistant Archivist report – Gayle Heagy reported the archives currently have 292 donations, with the most recent donation from Fairy Richard being a thermometer with Chris Lamparter's advertisement printed on it. Gayle reported on a collection of over 40 documents circa 1800's from Gayle's father who was Executor for Mae Seifert of the Davidsburg area. The Seifert family had a farm and she believes if someone wanted to trace the history found in these documents, it could very well show the family tree can be traced back to William Penn. Gayle has organized these documents and donated them to the GDHS archives.

Historian report – no report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Adopt-a-Highway – no report

Landscaping Committee – no report

Board of Director's report – Cindy Snyder stated Lois Slothower contacted her to suggest the GDHS set up a table at the National Night Out event scheduled for August 7 from 6:00-9:00pm at the Dover Fire Hall. Members agreed it was a good idea to help promote the society. Membership forms will be available, plus we will display a few historic photos and the book on the Blacksmith Shop. Several members volunteered to help at the display table.

Landmark Committee – Gayle Heagy reported that she contacted Ken Brown who will be

installing the historical plaques on 3 of the designated properties next week – Dr. Herrold’s property, the Bowersox property and the Carriage House. Gayle will contact Jo Ott to take photos and asked Landmark Committee members to attend; Randy & Judy Worley agreed to attend. The property owners for the cemetery and the Leader property have not responded to the correspondence sent to them by Gayle.

Gayle reported that she submitted a preliminary application to the YCPC for the Heritage Program for the following sites: Brookside carousel building, the Bowersox property, the carriage house and the Mayfield Street cemetery. Gayle contacted the YCPC to remove the cemetery from the application since the current property owners do not take care of the property and it is currently in very poor condition. Gayle stated the nominated applications are scheduled to be approved by the YCPC at their September meeting and hopefully President Shermeyer and Mrs. Koch can attend again this year on behalf of the GDHS.

Gayle Heagy expressed a suggestion that the GDHS should find a location to display the glass award which the society received. Gayle also suggested the GDHS should display the bank money from the archives, perhaps at Fulton Bank or M&T Bank. It was suggested we can post photos of the bills on our website.

OLD BUSINESS

President Shermeyer reported that Harry Shermeyer delivered the benches to the BSS today. The benches were stabilized so they would not tip over.

Temporary Website – President Shermeyer reported that Tom Miles is continuing to work on the website updates, including updating the historical walk photos and a map. President Shermeyer forwarded 3 email suggestions to Tom. Gayle Heagy will review the website for context and Lucia Hrinyak will review it for proper grammar and spelling.

President Shermeyer stated that copies of the guest speaker list are on the table for members to review. Cindy Snyder will contact Bill Fox, the Ben Franklin impersonator, to check on his availability to speak in October and report back at our August meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Judy Worley asked if the Blacksmith Shop can be open for the Borough’s Sundaes in the Park on July 22. Cindy Snyder reported she contacted Eli via email and will follow-up with him again. We can have the BSS open, regardless of whether Eli can be present. Also, President Shermeyer asked if the tree branches at the BSS can be trimmed since they are touching the roof.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Randy Worley brought up the issue of name tags or buttons for GDHS members to be used at

our events. The matter had been discussed previously and it was tabled so the BOD could discuss at a future meeting. At a previous meeting, it had been discussed to make stickers to cover our old membership buttons, but the suggestion was not followed through. Carol Leathery suggested making our own buttons, if we had the necessary equipment.

There being no further questions or suggestions from the membership, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Koch
GDHS secretary