

Greater Dover Historical Society
June 21, 2012

The regular meeting of the Greater Dover Historical Society was called to order by President Madelyn Shermeyer at 7:03 p.m. at Calvary Lutheran Church in Dover. Members present were the following: Lori Koch, Harry & Madelyn Shermeyer, Bill & Chris Coleman, Grace Trimmer, Donald Gross, Randy & Judy Worley, Peggy & Howard Powell, Kay Stitley, Cindy Snyder, Carol Leathery, Lois Slothower, and Mel Miller. 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 May 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 Randy Worley. All voted in favor and motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report for May 2012 was presented by Bill Coleman. There was a motion by Harry Shermeyer to approve the treasurer's report as presented and seconded by Cindy Snyder. All voted in favor and motion passed. President Shermeyer expressed thanks and noted that Vice President Stitley was very helpful in volunteering to help at the GDHS stand at the carousel dedication event and her efforts are reflected in the sales recorded on the treasurer's report.

Assistant Archivist report –President Shermeyer gave a brief report on behalf of Gayle Heagy. Gayle submitted the preliminary application to the YCPC for the Heritage Trail Program for 4 properties which were accepted. In regard to the Landmark project (historical plaques), Gayle is still waiting to hear from the owner of the cemetery on Mayfield Street, the gentleman from California and the owners of Dr. Herrold's property has not returned the signed acceptance letter yet. The archives currently have 270 donations recorded.

Historian report – no report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Adopt-a-Highway – no report

Landscaping Committee – Judy Worley reported on behalf of Lucia Hrinyak. A work day was held on June 19 with 3 volunteers worked for 1.5 hours in the garden to deadhead, prune and weed. The committee will revisit the garden in approximately 4 weeks or so to determine if another work day will be necessary.

BOD report – no report

OLD BUSINESS

President Shermeyer reported there is information on the table concerning a Preserving York.com blog fundraising picnic to be held on July 22. There is a nominal donation fee and any questions can be directed to Blake Stough.

President Shermeyer reported that our July meeting will be held at Calvary Lutheran since it does not interfere with Vacation Bible School this year.

NEW BUSINESS

Temporary Website -- President Shermeyer reported that our webmaster, Tom Miles, has been working on updating the GDHS website. A temporary website has been created, www.gdhs.x10.mx. Tom is seeking any comments from the members relating to layout, colors, flow or additional ideas. Members may submit their suggestions and comments to President Shermeyer who will forward same to Tom. President Shermeyer stated there is still much work to be done to update the website and she would like to have original photos of our local churches posted to the website.

Harry Shermeyer and Randy Worley brought up the issue of tree branches on the roof of the Blacksmith Shop and Lori Koch stated she will bring the matter before Borough Council again. Randy Worley also stated that he and Harry Shermeyer will be making minor modifications to the benches in the Blacksmith Shop so they do not tip over. Randy Worley also commented that several kids who have visited the BSS recently were very polite. Randy inquired how many bricks were sold for the skirting at the new Carousel Building and President Shermeyer replied it was over 240, but she did not have an exact number.

Vice President Stitley reported on the annual Historical Walk held on Tuesday, June 19. A total of 5 people participated, including Mr. and Mrs. Powell. Vice President Stitley also reported on the Dover Elementary school tours she conducted recently. One young girl who participated in the school walking tour also visited the Blacksmith Shop open house in June.

Vice President Stitley stated the WMHS will conduct a bus tour to Wrightsville with Scott Mingus on Monday, June 25, and there are a few available seats. The cost is \$10 per person and the group is meeting at the West Manchester Township Building at 8:45am. Mel Miller reported that Cindy Snyder will be doing a presentation on antique kitchen gadgets at the WMHS meeting on July 16 at 7:00pm.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

President Shermeyer gave members a briefing on a recent newspaper article relating to an issue in Dover Township.

There being no further questions or suggestions from the membership, the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Koch
GDHS secretary