

Greater Dover Historical Society
October 18, 2012

The regular meeting of the Greater Dover Historical Society was called to order by President Madelyn Shermeyer at 6:57 p.m. at Calvary Lutheran Church in Dover. Members present were the following: Lori Koch, Randy & Judy Worley, Chris & Bill Coleman, June Kinsey, Grace Trimmer, Shirley Weaver, Madelyn Shermeyer, Zita Smith, Wayne & Lois Slothower, Cindy Snyder, Lucia Hrinyak, Kay Stitley, James Geiselman, Mel Miller, Jo Ott, Don & Donna Gross and Norma Botterbusch. The members stood for the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence in honor of those serving in harm's way.

Cindy Snyder introduced the guest speaker, Mr. Richard Fox, who is a Ben Franklin impersonator. Mr. Fox presented a very entertaining and informative 45-minute presentation. This was followed by a brief refreshment break until the regular meeting resumed at 8:00 p.m.

President Shermeyer presented the August 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 September 2012 was presented*. There was a motion by Mel Miller to approve the treasurer's report as presented and seconded by Lois Slothower. All voted in favor and motion passed. *Note: the secretary neglected to print the treasurer's report for August 2012 and it will be presented for adoption at the November meeting.

Assistant Archivist report – Vice President Stitley reported on donations received at the Dover Fair – 2 signs and some switchboard plugs.

Historian report – no report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Adopt-a-Highway – Melanie Green was absent. It was reported that a litter pickup was held on October 6 with six volunteers collecting 16 bags of trash in 2 hours.

Landscaping Committee – Lucia Hrinyak reported that she and the Worley's buttoned up the garden at the storage shed yesterday for about 1.5 hours. They did pruning and dividing of plants, as well as removal of leaves.

Board of Director's report – Cindy Snyder reported the board met last evening to discuss several agenda items as follows: 1) various ways to increase membership; 2) discussed membership badges; 3) temporary Blacksmith Shop volunteer badges will be made; 4)

suggestion to give \$25 honorarium for guest speakers and GDHS members present approved to do this; 5) discussion on website revisions by Tom Miles and plans to have the majority of updates complete by January 2013; and 6) the preservation awards are being displayed at the Township Building.

Landmark Committee – Judy Worley reported the installation of the historical plaques on 4 of the designated properties is complete. The owners of these properties were invited to attend our September picnic to receive a packet of information (photos of the plaque, copy of deed information, etc.). Mr. and Mrs. Eric (Joan) Morgan, owners of the “Bowersox” property, attended the picnic. Gayle will provide the other 3 property owners with the packet of information for their home, either by USPS or hand-delivery. Judy reported the Landmark Committee met to discuss the next 5 sites to receive the plaques and a Committee report will be released to the members in January/February 2013 once details are finalized.

OLD/OTHER BUSINESS

Randy Worley reported the clean-up of the BSS is progressing fine. He stated that Eli has donated a new tool and a stand will have to be made to display the tool. Randy also reported that many of the slats on the side of the building are loose and need to be refastened.

Heritage sites – President Shermeyer reported the Dover Jailhouse and Brookside Carousel Building were designated as official heritage sites in York County by the YCPC. The certificates have been framed and are on display at the Dover Township municipal building. President Shermeyer has provided copies of the certificates to Gayle Heagy for the archives. In addition, the 2007 Preservation Award from Historic York, Inc., is also on display in the case at the Township Building.

NEW BUSINESS

President Shermeyer stated Board of Directors and officers must choose a date for the budget meeting.

President Shermeyer stated the Officer/BOD elections will be held at the November meeting. Any member interested in running for any of the positions can pick up a copy of the job descriptions which are on the table. President Shermeyer appointed 3 members of the nominating committee – Lucia Hrinyak, Chris Coleman and Donna Gross. Members are instructed to contact a member of this committee to indicate which position they are running for. BOD members up for election are Judy Worley, Lois Slothower and Kay Stitley.

Adopt-a-Road Program – President Shermeyer reported that Dover Township Public Works Department is required to gather data on the trash pickup on township highways pursuant to requirements of the new storm water MS4 program.

Committee chairs were reminded to submit their budget request to the treasurer prior to the

budget meeting in November.

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

President Shermeyer reported the Township is hosting a Trunk and Treat at Brookside Park on October 26 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. A donation of non-perishable food will be collected for the Dover Food Bank.

President Shermeyer read a nice thank-you letter from Peggy & Howard Powell addressed to the GDHS and its members for being kind to them.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Randy Worley reported the trees and stumps were removed from around the Blacksmith Shop.

Cindy Snyder led the members in a round of thank-you applause to Richard Fox, aka Ben Franklin, for his excellent presentation.

Wayne Slothower asked if anyone found out how Canal Street was named since it was brought up by the daughter of Mrs. Motter at the Dover Fair. President Shermeyer said she had researched Township records and cannot find any information. Bill Fox stated that many street names were very common, like Market Street, and perhaps Canal Street marked the edge of town.

There being no further questions or suggestions from the membership, the meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Koch
GDHS secretary