

Greater Dover Historical Society  
April 18, 2013

The regular meeting of the Greater Dover Historical Society was called to order by President Madelyn Shermeyer at 7:02 p.m. at Calvary Lutheran Church in Dover. Members present were the following: Lori Koch, Bill & Chris Coleman, Zita Smith, Shirley Weaver, Madelyn Shermeyer, Lois Slothower, Lucia Hrinyak, Kay Stitley, Cindy Snyder, June Kinsey, Randy & Judy Worley, Carol Leathery, Grace Trimmer, Jim Geiselman and Donald Gross. The members stood for the Pledge of Allegiance, preceded by a moment of silence in honor of those serving in harm's way.

President Shermeyer presented the March 2013 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 Lucia Hrinyak. All voted in favor and motion passed.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report for March 2013 was presented by Bill Coleman. There was a motion by Kay Stitley to approve the treasurer's report as presented and seconded by Cindy Snyder. All voted in favor and motion passed. Bill Coleman read a thank you letter from the Friends of Camp Security regarding our recent donation. A letter from Dover Township, including a \$200 donation from the Wallace Fund, was received and read by Bill Coleman. Bill also reported the fundraiser account was closed out. President Shermeyer asked about a final total of the donations received for the Gayle Heagy memorium, and Bill reported he doesn't have a final tally to date.

Archivist report – Judy Worley reported she visited Gayle's home to pick up a few items and donation files. She is currently reviewing all the records and donated items, and has sent a few donation forms to individuals for signatures, etc. Judy stated she is continuing her work to review and organize archive records from Gayle. Judy submitted a receipt to Bill Coleman for envelopes and stamps. Judy reported she visited Dianne's home today to have her complete a donor form for the cast iron kettle that is "on loan" and being used in the Blacksmith Shop. There is also a tall cedar chest which Gayle asked to be donated to the GDHS. It is dated on the inside and shows the name of George Emig. It can remain at Gayle's home for now until we find a suitable place to store it.

Historian report – no report

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Adopt-a-Highway – Lori Koch reported the April 6<sup>th</sup> pick-up had 5 volunteers who collected 15 bags of trash and miscellaneous items.

Landscaping – Lucia Hrinyak reported the first workday for this year at the storage shed garden will be on Thursday, May 2 at 8:00am. She encouraged any volunteers to help on this date.

Board of Directors – Cindy Snyder reported on Stouch diaries issue stating no decision has been made by the BOD concerning transcribing the diaries. There are 26 handwritten diaries, which are extremely small. This project was begun in 2007 and it's not known how many diaries were transcribed by Lucia Hrinyak and Joyce Law. There is a CD of transcribed Stouch diaries data in Gayle's archive records. A copy of the agreement with Jay Stouch should be among Gayle's records. Cindy Snyder will take 8 of the diaries to review and determine if we should consider proceeding with transcribing all the diaries or return them to Jay Stouch, as per the agreement.

Blacksmith Shop – Randy Worley reported that the first open house for this year was held on April 13 with a total of 26 visitors and \$9 in donations. Randy stated he removed the outside light which someone had complained about

being on 24-hours a day. Randy requested approval to purchase a new motion-sensor light and will ask Bob Snelbaker for recommendations. All members agreed to replace the light. Randy reported the floor is sinking in the BSS where the quench bucket sits. He also stated the whitewash on the outside is faded and should be re-applied. Jo Ott will be making new signage for the BSS table and Randy asked for additional copies of the "Then and Now" brochure, which Kay Stitley stated she will provide. Randy reported there are more slats missing. For the information of the members, Judy Worley reported that Eli made a presentation using Blacksmith Shop tools for members of his church and the congregation made a \$75 donation to the GDHS. A thank you note will be sent by our treasurer to the church.

President Shermeyer reported she was asked to speak to kindergarten students about historical buildings in the Dover area that were here during the Civil War.

### OLD BUSINESS

President Shermeyer reminded members to submit their volunteer hours to Bill Coleman. She also reminded members to submit any newsletter articles to Lucia for editing. The sign-up sheets are on the table for the refreshments and the Blacksmith Shop open house. It was noted a volunteer is needed for the May BSS open house.

Old buttons/badges – President Shermeyer brought up the previous discussion on how we can reuse the old membership buttons and possibly covering the buttons with self-adhesive stickers for name badges. The issue will be discussed by the Board of Directors and Bill Coleman was instructed to provide a sample of buttons for the Board's next meeting.

### NEW BUSINESS

President Shermeyer reported that Jo Ott will be taking photos of the items in the showcase at the Township Building, including the Jacob Joner rifle donated by Gayle and the foot warmer, and these will be posted to the GDHS website.

### QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

There being no further questions or suggestions from the membership, the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m. The Show and Tell was held immediately following adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Koch  
GDHS secretary