

Greater Dover Historical Society
February 21, 2013

The regular meeting of the Greater Dover Historical Society was called to order by President Madelyn Shermeyer at 7:01 p.m. at Calvary Lutheran Church in Dover. Members present were the following: Lori Koch, Chris & Bill Coleman, Randy & Judy Worley, Shirley Weaver, Madelyn & Harry Shermeyer, Lois Slothower, Kay Stitley, Carol Leathery and Norma Botterbusch. 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 January 2013 minutes for approval and asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes. Norma Botterbusch stated under Old Business relating to the picnic, she did not suggest changing the month from July to September; the correction will be made to the minutes. A motion to accept the minutes as corrected was made by Harry Shermeyer and seconded by Lois Slothower. All voted in favor and motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report for January 2013 was presented. There was a motion by Judy Worley to approve the treasurer's report as presented and seconded by Chris Coleman. All voted in favor and motion passed.

Assistant Archivist report – Judy Worley reported she is still in the working stages of having the archivist paperwork transferred to her by Gayle Heagy. She had a couple of donated items to report: 1). A copy of the York Dispatch newspaper dated 8/7/1964 relating to the Dover Bicentennial celebration donated by Paul Walker; and 2). A light fixture constructed by Henry Neiman in 1935, donated by Bob Little, which will be placed in the storage shed in Ketterman Park. Judy reported that Randy Worley spoke to Jerry Bollinger, a member of Salem UCC, about accepting a donation of a church pew (circa 1954). A motion was made by Kay Stitley and seconded by Randy Worley to accept the pew; all members agreed. Randy Worley stated he will contact Mr. Bollinger to make arrangements to pick up the pew sometime in April and it will be placed in the storage shed at Ketterman Park. As a side note, one of the original church pews (circa 1757) is located in the balcony of the church.

Historian report – no report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Adopt-a-Highway – Lori Koch stated the sign-up sheet is on the table.

Landscaping – no report

Board of Directors – no report

OLD BUSINESS

President Shermeyer reminded members to submit their volunteer hours to Bill Coleman. Sign-up sheets for refreshments and the Blacksmith Shop are on the table.

Speakers for 2013 – President Shermeyer asked members to submit ideas for speakers. Cindy Snyder has a copy of the list that is compiled of suggested speakers and it was suggested members contact Cindy with any new suggestions. After a brief discussion, it was decided we will not have a speaker in April. The idea was brought up again about contacting the lady who portrays a freed slave to appear at the Melchinger House in July.

Camp Security – President Shermeyer mentioned the article was published in the YDR and it provided some good public relations for the GDHS. President Shermeyer reported the article stated that Carol Tanzola, President of the Friends of Camp Security, met with the York County Commissioners to seek a donation. The Commissioners agreed to donate \$75,000. There is a report being prepared based on GPR readings and if any human remains are found on the property, it will prevent any development from occurring on the land. Judy Worley asked if any other historical societies have donated funds and there is no record yet of said donations. A motion was made by Randy Worley for the GDHS to donate \$100 to the preservation fund and it was seconded by Kay Stitley; all members voted in favor. Treasurer Bill Coleman will forward to the check to The Friends of Camp Security, PO Box 20008, York PA 17402.

Website – President Shermeyer reported she met with Tom Miles last week for approximately 2.5 hours to review website changes/updates. Lucia Hrinyak made edits to the biographies and Tom will post those changes. Taped interviews from 2005 and 2007 were found in a box and will be posted to the website. Jo Ott took photographs of the items that were donated by Smittie’s Soft Pretzels for an article being written by Joan Concilio relating to the history of Smittie’s. Our museum link on the website will be updated and posted with photographs of items in the Township display case; these photos will be updated/rotated quarterly by Tom Miles. The historical walk information will be reviewed and updated.

Picnic -- President Shermeyer reported she has reserved the Carousel Building for September 19.

NEW BUSINESS

President Shermeyer reported that Gayle Heagy was hospitalized in the ICU at York Hospital this past Sunday. She emailed members with information on how to send an e-card to Gayle on the Wellspan website. Our thoughts are with Gayle and her family.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Harry Shermeyer asked if we had two separate accounts at Fulton Bank since Bill Coleman had reported last month the interest rate dropped on our checking account. Harry asked if we could close one account into the other for a higher rate. The GDHS currently has 2 checking accounts – our regular checking account and a fundraiser account which was opened years ago for the sole purpose of using it for the lottery ticket fundraiser. The balance of the fundraiser account is less than \$50. All members agreed to close out this account and place those funds in the cash reserve account. Bill Coleman will take care of this with Fulton Bank.

Judy Worley brought up the issue of the 150th Civil War anniversary celebration and what, if any plans, the GDHS has to participate in the event. Kay Stitley reported the Dover Borough Recreation Board is planning an event in Ketterman Park on June 29 and they would like to have the Blacksmith Shop open on that date. The Gettysburg celebration begins on July 3rd and the Rec Board wanted to hold their event prior to this date so visitors can stop by on their way to the Gettysburg event. Kay Stitley reported the Rec Board heard a presentation from re-enactors at their last meeting, which was also attended by Jo Ott and the Coleman’s. The Rec Board would like volunteers from the GDHS to help in planning and working their event on June 29. Kay invited members to attend the next Rec Board meeting on March 11. The issue of inviting the lady to portray a freed slave at the Melchinger House on June 29 was discussed and President Shermeyer stated she believes that Cindy Snyder has the contact information for this lady, which Gayle Heagy provided. The Dover Township Recreation Department does not have any event planned for the 150th Civil War anniversary.

There being no further questions or suggestions from the membership, the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Koch
GDHS secretary