

Greater Dover Historical Society  
January 17, 2013

The regular meeting of the Greater Dover Historical Society was called to order by President Madelyn Shermeyer at 7:01 p.m. at Log Cabin in Dover Township. Members present were the following: Lori Koch, Chris & Bill Coleman, Randy & Judy Worley, Shirley Weaver, Jo Ott, Madelyn & Harry Shermeyer, Zita Smith, Lois Slothower, Cindy Snyder, Kay Stitley, Constance Miller, and Lucia Hrinyak. The members stood for the Pledge of Allegiance, preceded by a moment of silence in honor of those serving in harm's way.

Officers and Board of Directors were sworn-in and the appointment of Judy Worley as archivist as made by President Shermeyer.

President Shermeyer presented the November 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 Harry Shermeyer. All voted in favor and motion passed.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's reports for November and December 2012 were presented. There was a motion by Harry Shermeyer to approve the treasurer's reports as presented and seconded by Lois Slothower. All voted in favor and motion passed. Bill Coleman mentioned that the interest rate on one of the bank accounts at Fulton Bank was lowered from .05% to .02%.

Assistant Archivist report – no report  
Historian report – no report

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Adopt-a-Highway – Lori Koch stated there will be a sign-up sheet next month for the first litter pick-up in April.  
Landscaping – no report  
Board of Directors – no report

#### OLD BUSINESS

Picnic date -- President Shermeyer stated a decision should be made concerning the date for the annual member's picnic. At a recent meeting, a member suggested moving the picnic back to July and a decision needs to be made so President Shermeyer can reserve the building at Brookside Park. After a brief discussion, the membership agreed to hold the picnic in September in the Carousel Building. President Shermeyer will reserve the Carousel Building for September 19. Randy Worley asked about bringing guests to the picnic and it was stated the picnic is limited to members only.

Speakers for 2013 – President Shermeyer stated we must begin thinking about speakers for this year. Cindy Snyder will review the list that is compiled of suggested speakers and asked if anyone has other suggested speakers to please let her know.

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.

Dover Fair -- Vice President Kay Stitley and Randy Worley volunteered to be co-chairs for the Dover Fair committee this year.

### NEW BUSINESS

Civil War 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary – President Shermeyer reported that Gayle Heagy located the name and address of the woman who portrays a freed slave and perhaps we could invite her to make a presentation at the Melchinger House since Jeb Stuart used this property as his office; he also stayed at the National House. It is reported the Melchinger House was part of the Underground Railroad. President Shermeyer suggested asking Richard Fox, the Ben Franklin impersonator, to make a presentation at the Blacksmith Shop, since Ben Franklin was a blacksmith. Cindy Snyder stated she can do research on finding a Civil War speaker or Abe Lincoln impersonator instead of Ben Franklin since he was a contemporary. Vice President Stitley reported the Recreation Board wants to hold an event at Ketterman Park during the Fourth of July weekend in conjunction with the Gettysburg celebration and have the Blacksmith Shop open.

Camp Security – President Shermeyer mentioned the issue of Camp Security and efforts by a preservation group to raise \$400,000 to purchase and preserve the former POW camp located in Springettsbury Township. President Shermeyer brought up the issue of the GDHS making a nominal donation to this preservation effort and she can contact Teresa Boeckel at the YDR about writing an article encouraging other historical societies to get involved and donate. Harry Shermeyer suggested making a promised donation and pledge more help if it works out. Cindy Snyder concurred with making a nominal donation now and also make a commitment to match it when their preservation goal is reached.

President Shermeyer asked the members if anyone knew how the “Pickett’s Road”, now Harmony Grove Road, was named – residents of the area, near the Conewago Creek, formed a “picket line” to keep the Confederates from crossing through.

### QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

There being no further questions or suggestions from the membership, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Koch  
GDHS secretary