

Greater Dover Historical Society  
May 16, 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, Madelyn Shermeyer, Bill & Chris Coleman, Zita Smith, Shirley Weaver, Kay Stitley, Randy & Judy Worley, Grace Trimmer, 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 April 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 Zita Smith and seconded by Judy Worley. All voted in favor and motion passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The treasurer's report for April 2013 was presented by Bill Coleman:

Balance as of April 1, 2013	\$17,800.08
Deposits for April	190.29
Expenses for April	152.97
Balance as of April 30, 2013	\$17,837.40

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

Archivist report – Judy Worley brought a copy of a charcoal drawing by Kate Gross, circa 1902, which has been on display at the Blacksmith Shop. Judy stated that she, Randy Worley and President Shermeyer had further discussions about the cedar chest that Gayle wants donated to the society. Judy reported she met Rick Swartz at the WMHS display at the Shiloh Fire Company and he is seeking a copy of the "Sands of Time"; Mr. Swartz's family operated the National Hotel in Dover and Judy suggested inviting him to attend one of our meetings to talk about all the Dover memorabilia he has at his home in Shiloh. Judy believes Mr. Swartz said he has an original sign from the Blacksmith Shop. Judy reported that Wayne Fickes stopped at the Blacksmith Shop and his church, Wolf's Church, is celebrating its 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary later this summer. They are looking for a wagon wheel and he noticed the one in the BSS. Judy thanked President Shermeyer for providing her with a copy of the "loaner paperwork form" for our archives. Judy stated the York Heritage Trust is hosting a meeting on saving local architecture on May 23 at 7:00pm at Pleasant Acres should any member be interested in attending.

Historian report – no report

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Adopt-a-Highway – no report

Landscaping – Judy Worley reported the Hrinyaks and the Worleys met on May 2 at the storage shed for approximately 1 ¼ hours to weed and rake out the garden. Mulch will be spread in the garden in late May or early June.

Board of Directors – no report

Blacksmith Shop – Randy Worley reported that he would like to hang the drill in the BSS near the bellows. At the present time, the drill is sitting on two buckets on the floor. Randy has cleaned and oiled the drill. Eli suggested mounting it on a large post on castors to move it around the BSS, but Randy would prefer to hang it up. Randy reported that the April BSS open house had 18 visitors and several children in attendance interacted with Eli while he was blacksmithing.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Old buttons/badges – President Shermeyer said this matter is still pending and asked if the issue will be discussed by the Board their next meeting. During last month’s meeting, the membership did talk briefly about the buttons, but no decision was made. Judy Worley said she believes that it will be discussed at the next Board meeting in June.

President Shermeyer reminded members the sign-up sheets are on the table for the refreshments and the Blacksmith Shop open house. Judy Worley encouraged members to sign up to help at the BSS open house and she also encouraged members to drop-in during the open house to show our support for the great work Eli does for our society and just say hello. President Shermeyer stated she submitted an article for the Dover Township newsletter about the BSS and replicas. Randy Worley reported there was a gentleman who visited the BSS recently and brought an ornate iron door hinge for Eli to repair.

#### NEW BUSINESS

President Shermeyer reported that she had a phone call from Marie Crone Dillon concerning the stone quarry on Rohlers Church Road. The stone quarried from here was used in the State Capitol Building in Harrisburg. The main issue Marie was calling about deals with a recorded deed for her family’s farm and a pie-shaped parcel on the farm her brother purchased which is now being sold. She is concerned it may affect the quarry and wanted the GDHS to address the issue. President Shermeyer advised Marie this was not an issue the society can address.

Randy Worley mentioned a lady and her two children visited the BSS open house this past Saturday and asked if the GDHS had any historical records on the farm property where she lives on Temple School Road. The farm dates back to the 1700’s and the property owner will need to do research herself at the courthouse.

President Shermeyer announced to the membership that she will not accept a nomination for the position of president in November. She will continue to serve as assistant archivist and the webmaster contact person. She will continue to be responsible for the Blood Root books and Century of Reflection booklets. President Shermeyer stated another member will need to step up and take the responsibility for the BSS replicas. President Shermeyer reported she spoke to Tom Miles concerning the website and another member will have to take responsibility for receiving and responding to website email contacts in 2014. A brief discussion on job descriptions for officers was held and tweaks can be made if necessary.

#### QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

There being no further questions or suggestions from the membership, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lori Koch  
GDHS secretary