

Minutes
Wellesley Twp. Heritage/Historical Society Meeting
Monday, March 29, 2010, 7:30 p.m.

Present: Brenda Armstrong, Ron Hackett (chair), Ross Kelterborn, Sarah Peck, Diane Peters
Regrets: Susan Duke, Carol Gregory, Bob Hammer, Herb Neher, Garry Peters

1. Call to order - at 7:30 p.m.

2. Delegations
- none

3. Minutes of the meeting of March 10, 2010
- moved by Ron/Diane that the minutes be approved. Carried.

4. Business arising from the minutes

- Part-time Curator position – Sarah spoke to Diane Lorbetski, the Township Director of Finance . The March 11 balance in the Kohler account was \$343,894.61, including interest to date (\$18,936.04). We would need up to \$380 per month or approximately \$2280 per year to hire a curator. It was agreed that we do not want to touch the principal, and if not enough interest money is available we will have to reconsider the next steps. Sarah will ask Diane for a list of expenditures to date and bring the list to the next meeting. Ron will also check with Diane to confirm the amounts. A request for funding for a curator will have to go to Council for approval before we can interview potential candidates.
- Heritage Resources Centre Report of Wellesley Township Study – Sarah, Ross, Ron and Susan met with Marg Rowell to determine the next steps. It was agreed that since help is available, we would have nothing to lose by looking into designating a Heritage Conservation District and it would be best to begin by doing this in Hawkesville. There was discussion of whether we should go ahead with the process of holding public information meetings in Hawkesville to discuss such issues as what is involved, pros and cons, and restrictions. If there was general agreement at these meetings, we would then we would have to draft a by-law to take to Council.
Moved by Brenda/seconded by Diane to present a recommendation to Township Council that permission be granted for the Society to invite residents of Hawkesville to attend information meetings aimed at determining the feasibility of designating a portion of Hawkesville as a Heritage Conservation District. Carried.
We also agreed to go ahead with compiling a Heritage Registry listing potential properties to be designated. Sarah will pull together a list of those properties mentioned in the Heritage Resources report, and Ron will work with her to identify additional properties outside the four settlement areas. We will not attempt to begin the process of designating individual properties at this time.
- W.I. Tweedsmuir Histories – Diane reported that she had spoken with someone at the Ontario Genealogical Society regarding their program to organize and digitize Tweedsmuir Histories. This project is still in the initial stages, and Diane will report back when further information is received from the OGS.

- Jack Koehler recognition – the wording for the plaque was finalized and Ross will look after having the sign made.
- GRCA Heritage Day – A reimbursement of \$25 for the copies of the DVD of the program was requested.
Motion by Ross/seconded by Brenda to issue a cheque for \$25 to Alysha Hunsberger to cover costs of making DVDs of the Heritage Day program. Carried.
- Nafziger DVD – the Nafziger family has granted permission for the Board of Trade to show the DVD at a meeting and to charge admission.
- WTHHS outdoor sign – another mock-up was distributed by email prior to the meeting and this was discussed. There was discussion about whether the sign should be one-sided or two-sided and where it should be placed.
Moved by Diane, seconded by Brenda that we order a sign with wording on one side, to be placed behind the benches in front of the library. Carried.
- reproduction of the Maple Leaf Journal – Ron will investigate further regarding costs, as agreed at the last meeting.

5. Treasurer's report

- Carol provided the latest balance in the Heritage Cheque account, which is \$2008.09. – - Ron reported that there is \$744.18 in the Historical Society account
- Ron suggested that if there is insufficient interest money in the Koehler fund to pay for a curator, additional money could be taken from the Heritage account; costs for the sign will come from the Historical Society account.

6. Secretary's report and correspondence

- nothing to report .

7. Old business

- microfilming of the Wellesley Maple Leaf newspapers – Ron will contact Michael Newark to see if he has further information. Microfilms are available through the Waterloo Historical Society.

8. New Business

- Diane asked if the *Wellesley Is...* online journal should be made available in the Historical Room. It was agreed that Sarah would download the available issues and copy them onto the computer in the Historical Room.
- Ron reported that the Pfeiffer Gallery wants to sell the Nafziger DVDS and would not charge for this. Ross will see that some are made available to them.
- Ross brought in some material from Hilda Koch to be evaluated for the collection. This included items from her aunt Hilda Lotz such as newspaper clippings and exercise books. Ross also brought in some wooden rulers with local advertising donated by Susan Duke.

9. Next meeting - Monday, May 10, 7:30 p.m. in the Historical Room.

10. Adjournment - moved by Ross at 9:05 p.m.