

Minutes
Wellesley Twp. Heritage/Historical Society Meeting
Monday, August 9, 2010, 7:30 p.m.

Present: Ron Hackett (chair), Ross Kelterborn, Bob Hammer, Nancy Maitland, Sarah Peck, Mary Lichty (delegate), Beth Schlueter (delegate)

Regrets: Carol Gregory, Diane Peters, Garry Peters, Susan Duke, Herb Neher, Brenda Armstrong,

1. Call to order – Ron Hackett
 - Sarah was called upon to present a letter of congratulations from Harold Albrecht, MP, to Nancy Maitland.

2. Delegations:
 - Mary Lichty and Beth Schlueter – Fall Fair
 - Mary and Beth invited the WTHHS to put together a slide show of photos/newspaper clippings of past Fall Fairs
 - They put together a slide show last year of photos/newspaper clippings of past Fall Fairs for last year's Fall Fair and it was very well received
 - This year, they want to expand the slide show with the help of the WTHHS
 - o Ron – I'm not sure how many photos of the Fall Fair we would have
 - o Mary – The slide show doesn't have to be entirely on the Fall Fair – you could include other interesting historical photos/newspaper clipping about life in the Township
 - o Beth – We can give the WTHHS a copy of last year's slide show so you can see an example
 - o Nancy agreed to work on creating a slide show
 - o Mary will be on holiday for the next two weeks, so Beth and Nancy will work together
 - o Ross – I have a video of the merry-go-round and the Ferris wheel – maybe we can use that in the show
 - o Mary – Last year, we also put together an information booth for the Fall Fair. Volunteer groups in the Township are invited to man the booth and promote their organizations. This year we would like to extend the invitation to the WTHHS
 - o Nancy – I like the idea of the information booth – perhaps that could help me recruit high school student(s) interested in completing their community service hours at the Historical Room
 - o Beth – The information booth is a great way of advertising the WTHHS

1. Minutes of the meeting of August 9, 2010
 - moved by Ross/Bob that the minutes be accepted as distributed. Carried.

2. Business arising from the minutes
 - Jack Koehler recognition plaque – this has been mounted on a stone which has been placed at the front of the Old School.
 - WTHHS outdoor sign – this has been set up in front of the library. Ron wrote a letter of thanks to the Township Public Works staff for their work. The Public Works Staff were very pleased to receive it.
 - Reproduction of the Maple Leaf Journal – Ron and Nancy have contacted Cameron Nixdorf of HOV Services, which is a consulting firm that does reproduction work of this nature. The Grace Schmidt Room only has the papers from 1900-1908. The Maple Leaf Journal was published until 1927. Nancy, Ron and Cameron saw the microfilm at the Grace Schmidt room. The ball park cost is \$1,500 (papers from 1900-1908).
 - o Nancy – the microfilm is poor quality
 - o The Kitchener Public Library has the originals, however, the librarian was hesitant to lend out the originals.
 - o Ron – I have heard the Elmira Independent has later copies
 - o We may check with the Independent later
 - Tweedsmuir books – Nancy has been working on the Tweedsmuir books. Nancy has been looking into the Ontario Genealogical Society and what rights the WTHHS would have as the owner of the books. Nancy will do more research on that.
 - Heritage Register – On hold but work will continue.
 - Bob Hammer Video – Nancy was not able to cut the video. Bob says he and his son will figure it out.
3. Treasurer's report
 - Historical Society account balance is \$480.23
4. Secretary's report and correspondence
 - Ron received a copy of the Waterloo Historical Society July newsletter.
5. Report – Nancy Maitland – I have done two interviews – one for the Woolwich Observer and one for the New Hamburg Independent. I have been working on the format of the database to make it more searchable. Sarah and Nancy will meet at some point after Nancy has organized the database so Sarah can learn how to use the program.
6. New business
 - Wellesley Fair – Ron and Ross will volunteer at the information booth at the Fall Fair
 - ABC Festival – The Historical Room is open from 9 am-3pm. Nancy will be there the whole time (taking breaks). Nancy can open the room up with her keys. Will Diane and Garry dress up?
 - o 9 am-11am – Ross
 - o 11am-12pm – Bob
 - o 12pm-1pm – maybe Carol??

- 1pm-3pm - Ron
- Possible designation of the Shantz-Johnston property
 - Ron – Should I find out if the Johnston's are agreeable to a designation?
 - There will be a cost to designate the property – approx. \$600
 - Perhaps the Township could honour him in another way, such as a sign
 - Ross – I do not feel strongly either way about this issue
 - Ron – I feel that it could be an imposition to the Johnston family to designate their property
 - Motion: Moved by Ross/Bob to defer the matter of the possible designation of the Shantz-Johnston property until Susan Duke can be present at a WTHHS meeting
- Change of name for the Historical Room – deferred
- Next meeting – **Monday, September 13, 2010. 7:30 p.m.**

10. Adjournment – 9:15 p.m.

- moved by Bob/Ross