

Minutes
WELLESLEY TOWNSHIP HERITAGE/HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MEETING

Monday, January 23, 2012, 7:30 p.m.

Present: Ron Hackett (chair), Ross Kelterborn, Nancy Maitland, Sarah Peck, Diane Peters,
Garry Peters

Regrets: Brenda Armstrong, Carol Gregory, Dan McKinley, Herb Neher, Bob Hammer

1. Call to order - Ron Hackett

2. Election of Officers and Record of Wellesley Township Heritage Members for 2012

- Historical Society Officers for 2012: Chair - Ron Hackett; Secretary - Diane Peters; Treasurer - Ron Hackett with Diane Peters as co-signer - all acclaimed

- Wellesley Township Heritage Officers for 2012: Chair - Ron Hackett; Secretary - Diane Peters; Treasurer - Carol Gregory - all acclaimed

- Wellesley Township Heritage Members for 2012 - Brenda Armstrong, Ron Hackett, Bob Hammer, Diane Peters, Garry Peters [Ross Kelterborn, Susan Duke - to be checked as to eligibility]

3. Minutes of the meeting of October 24, 2011

- moved by Diane/Ross that the minutes be accepted as distributed. Carried.

4. Business arising

- Hawkesville Heritage District - It was agreed to postpone any further action for the time being.

- Ron Futher presentation - Ron was asked to give the presentation again at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Nancy made some changes to the original presentation. However, it could not be made because of projection issues. Nancy will look into the possibility of converting the Powerpoint into a DVD.

Curator's Report

- Scanning of *Maple Leaf Journal* and copyright issues - Ron went to a Township council meeting and got permission to go ahead with the project. Production costs will be taken from the Koehler account and proceeds when sold will go back into this account. Nancy reported that she has done a mock-up copy of the CD. She has purchased Adobe software and run the material through a character recognition program so that it is keyword searchable. She also circulated proposed wording and imagery for the CD label. The cover and label designs were approved. Cost for the CD will be \$20 (\$17.70 + HST). We will not worry about how to prevent copying of the CD. Nancy will go ahead and make up the CDs. A notice should go to the Waterloo Historical Society for their newsletter and to the compiler of the *Wellesley Is....* newsletter. The availability of the CD should be put on the Township council agenda and website. A poster should also be made and placed in various locations around town. Nancy will talk to Susan at the Township offices regarding the process for getting the poster produced. The CDs will be made available at the Township offices and at the Historical Room open houses. Nancy will purchase a receipt book for sales at the open houses.

- Additional historical presentations - It was decided that Frank Erb's collection of yardsticks would be better mounted as a display rather than as the subject of a formal presentation. Diane will contact Julie Schnurr to see if she would be interested in putting together a presentation in April or May, perhaps related to her book on Linwood. The presentation could take place in Linwood. There was discussion of purchasing a Powerpoint projector for the Historical Society, since we currently need to borrow one from the fire department when needed.

MOVED Garry/seconded Diane that the Historical Society purchase a Powerpoint projector and that up to \$400 be taken from the Historical Society account to cover the costs. CARRIED.

Nancy will look into purchasing the projector.

- Nancy distributed a sample mock-up of a website for the Society. Work to complete this project would be done outside her regular hours, with funding for her time to come from the Koehler account or the GICs. We would also need to pay costs to host the website. Costs on Weebly would include registration of a site number for around \$48 US and around \$40 annually to host. It was suggested that we might use the same host as is used for the Township website, but this is done through the Region and costs are high due to security issues. Nancy asked members to look at her proposed design online. It is currently linked to her own website. A decision on how to proceed can be made at the next meeting.

- Nancy also showed a file listing material that was returned to the Schmehl's around 1990 and wondered if anyone knew what had become of the original material, since much of it would be of interest for the collection.

- Wellesley will be involved in the next Doors Open on September 15th. Nancy also noted that 2012 marks the 160th anniversary of Wellesley's incorporation as a township and the 170th anniversary of the first survey of the area.

5. Treasurer's Report

- Ron reported that there is no change from the previous balance in the Historical Society account (\$291.59). The GIC valued at \$6456.43 which was due in December has been renewed, but we can cash out the money at any time if needed.

6. Communications

- The latest *Waterloo Historical Society Newsletter* was received.

- Ron had forwarded by email some material sent from Susan and HPAC.

7. Old Business

- Sarah reported that the quotes from Township staff to build shelving for the models in the Historical Room are still not available.

8. New Business

- Sarah reported that correspondence regarding the rezoning of the Morningstar property on Nafziger Road in Wellesley had been circulated to members by email, and asked Ron to send an email confirming that the Historical Society had no concerns about this.

- Sarah also reported that a woman had called her regarding a ghost in her house, and she wanted to contact Ron so he could deal with it.

- Ross reported that Carol Gregory and Jim Burrell had received a grant from the Waterloo Regional Heritage Foundation for restoration work on a property on Arthur Street in Heidelberg. The grant would pay for up to 50% of costs, up to \$15,000.

9. Next Meeting - **Monday, March 12, 2012, at 7:30 p.m.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.