

Minutes
WELLESLEY TOWNSHIP HERITAGE/HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MEETING
Monday, January 13, 2014, 7:30 p.m.

Present: Carol Gregory, Ron Hackett (chair), Ross Kelterborn, Nancy Maitland, Diane Peters

Regrets: Garry Peters

Guests: Joe Donofrio, Kate Hagerman, Karen McLaughlin, Will McLaughlin

1. Call to order - Ron Hackett / introductions of those present

2. Delegations

- Joe Donofrio, Grade 8 history teacher at Wellesley Public School, plans to have a heritage and history fair at the school. This will probably be held in mid- to late April, just prior to the Regional Heritage Fair at the Waterloo Region Museum. Ron agreed to go the school to make a presentation about the history of the town of Wellesley and surrounding area in early February. Interested students will be invited to the open house at the Historical Room on February 17th (Family Day) and Nancy will be present to speak to them. They will also be invited to check out the website. Ron and Nancy also agreed to be judges at the school's heritage fair.

- Kate Hagerman, Cultural Heritage Specialist for the Region of Waterloo, spoke of the Pond in Wellesley as an area of cultural significance and ways to preserve it. Discussion followed as to various means available to preserve the dam and current pond size. Will suggested that the township office do further research and prepare a report to bring back to the WTHHS for further discussion at a later meeting.

3. Minutes of the meeting of June 10th, 2013

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

4. Business arising

- none

5. Treasurers' Reports

- Carol reported that there is \$1498.59 in the Heritage Society current account; a GIC for \$6599.45 was renewed for two years on December 23rd, 2013. Diane reported that there is \$2353.99 in the Historical Society account.

6. Communications

- Ron received HPAC information from the Region and gave to Nancy to file

7. Curator's Report

- Nancy and Ron attended the Council meeting in November. Her contract was renewed and she was given her first raise in three years.

- Nancy plans to promote the historical collection on social media, using Flickr and Instagram to start.

- a letter written in Alaska in 1921 describing people and incidents in Crosshill and Hawkesville was obtained and has been transcribed.
- WTHHS meeting minutes have been added to the website.
- Nancy has met with Vonnie Haner and is getting material for the collection from her.
- two requests for assistance with research were received.
- Nancy is hoping to scan material from a study of properties in Wellesley village done by LACAC in the 1970s.
- there are a number of release forms for donations which still need to be signed.
- Nancy wrote an article on the Hawkesville map for the Waterloo Historical Society newsletter.

8. New Business

- Ron received information regarding the Ontario Volunteer Service awards. He will submit nomination forms for Carol (25 years), Ross (20 years), Ron (20 years), Diane (5 years), Garry (5 years).

9. Next Meeting - Monday, March 10th, 2014, 7:30 p.m

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.