

**Minutes**  
**WELLESLEY TOWNSHIP HERITAGE AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
**MEETING**

**Monday, September 10, 2018, 10:00 a.m.**

Present: Carol Gregory, Jean Hergott, Dave Holzschuh, Ross Kelterborn, Beth Lealess, Nancy Maitland, Diane Peters, Garry Peters

Regrets: Joanna Kipfer, Peter van der Maas

1. Call to order – 10:00 a.m. (Nancy)

2. Delegations - none

3. Minutes of the meeting of August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018

- moved by Garry/Jean that the minutes be accepted as distributed. Carried.

4. Business arising

- Kevin Thomas will speak on the topic of personal hygiene from a historical perspective at the public meeting scheduled for October 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the community center. Nancy passed around a draft poster. Flyers will be prepared to distribute at the ABC Festival. Refreshments will be served (coffee/tea/squares). A \$75 honorarium will be paid to the Waterloo Region Museum.

- we will know this week if there are entries for the fair prize.

- ABC Festival – the Historical Room will be open 9:00-2:00. Nancy will be present during this time, with Ross also attending from 9:00-10:00 and Jean from 10:00-11:00. Diane and Garry will staff the “What Is It?” table from 11:00-1:00. This will be outside in front of the library (weather permitting). Beth will arrange to bring a table.

- suggestions for content for the September newsletter should be sent to Nancy.

- pond restoration/designation – Nancy distributed a draft of a response to the letter received from the GRCA regarding our proposal.

5. Curator’s/Chair’s Report

- the print of a horse belonging to the Meyer family which was in the mayor’s office at the township office has been added to the collection, along with some other items. Nancy is preparing a display.

- the Lein family has provided additional information regarding the headstone found in Heidelberg cemetery and this will be added to the display case with the headstone.

- Wib Wagner and family have offered to loan some fire department memorabilia for display, but we are unable to take on managing loaned materials. Wib will let Nancy know if the family would like to donate, rather than lend the material.

- the fire department plans to mount a display of firefighting-related materials at the fire hall. Nancy provided scans of material for them to use.

- Nancy is still in the process of reorganizing the photo collection.

- Nancy is still looking for additional information on the Forrest house and has spoken to the current owners.

- Nancy met with David Briggs from Ottawa, who is the great nephew of Charles Ottmann. He brought in some additional photos and information on the family.
- website statistics – 294 users in August, with 986 page views.
- the website has been updated.
- balance in petty cash is \$138.38 (same as last month).

#### 6. New Business

- copies of the magazine for seniors in Wilmot/Wellesley townships (*Embracing Change*) published by Tara Bott were distributed. Nancy has submitted some material.
- Lisa Hagen is planning to start a community news section in the *New Hamburg Independent*.
- the material from the Meyer family will be put up on the display wall in place of the large map of Hawkesville.
- the possibility of offering reproductions of photos from the Society's collection for display at the township office was discussed.

#### 7. Other Business

- Carol offered to help with set-up for the public meeting on October 10<sup>th</sup>.

8. Next meeting – Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.