

Minutes
WELLESLEY TOWNSHIP HERITAGE AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MEETING

Monday, November 12, 2018, 10:00 a.m.

Present: Carol Gregory, Dave Holzschuh, Nancy Maitland, Diane Peters, Garry Peters
Regrets: Jean Hergott, Joanna Kipfer, Ross Kelterborn, Beth Lealess, Peter van der Maas

1. Call to order – 10:00 a.m. (Nancy)

2. Delegations - none

3. Minutes of the meeting of September 10th, 2018

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

4. Business arising

- pond designation letter – Nancy has sent a letter to township Council indicating that we are not proceeding with designation of the Wellesley pond; Jeff van der Baaren will prepare a report on the issue and present it to Council
- ABC Festival – the Historical Room was open 9:00-2:00 and had a successful day. However the “What Is It?” contest should be re-evaluated next year as there were few entries and no prize was awarded.
- fair prize – there was one entry and Marina Wheaton was awarded the prize. A photo of her entry was placed on Instagram and on the website. We should rethink advertising for next year.
- Public meeting - Kevin Thomas spoke on the topic of personal hygiene from a historical perspective at the meeting on October 10th. Fifteen people attended.

5. Curator’s/Chair’s Report

- there are three new members of the Society
- Peter van der Maas was re-elected as the township councillor for Ward 3
- Nancy prepared a CD of Ottmann family photographs for another descendent of the family.
- Nancy prepared two posters for the public meeting
- information about the Forrest house (designated) was added to the website
- Nancy is still in the process of reorganizing and rehousing the photo collection and accessioning new items
- a new member, Andrew Jacobson, will be doing some volunteer work in the Historical Room
 - new acid-free supplies have been ordered. We have gone over-budget on the supplies line item, but have money in the budget to cover the costs. A financial report was received from Theresa Bisch and we are in good shape financially
- Nancy dealt with two research requests, one regarding a mural in a St. Clements home and the other regarding the age of the Fleischauer log cabin
- Hilda Koch donated some Nithview newsletters and these have been passed back to Nithview
- we were asked about giving a cross-section of our sample of the wood from the corduroy road found in Waterloo for a study in dating the road, but decided against it as it would have

been destroyed in the process

- website statistics – 989 page views/month.
- balance in petty cash is \$138.30 (same as last month)

6. New Business

- a copy of the October newsletter of the Waterloo Historical Society was passed around
- the *New Hamburg Independent* will be publishing a regular column on local issues and Nancy will submit relevant material
- Nancy will also submit something every other month to *Embracing Change*, the new magazine for seniors in Wilmot/Wellesley townships
- the AGM will be held in February. We should do preparatory work at the January meeting, including nominations and budget
- Heritage Day will be celebrated on February 23rd in New Dundee from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The theme will be ponds.
- scanning of WI minutes is proceeding

7. Other Business

- none

8. Next meeting – Monday, January 14th, 2019, 10:00 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.