

Minutes

WELLESLEY TOWNSHIP HERITAGE AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING Monday, January 14, 2019, 10:00 a.m.

Present: Carol Gregory, Jean Herrgott, Dave Holzschuh, Andrew Jacobson, Beth Lealess, Nancy Maitland, Diane Peters, Garry Peters

Regrets: Joanna Kipfer, Ross Kelterborn, Peter van der Maas

1. Call to order – 10:10 a.m. (Nancy)
2. Delegations – Nancy read a letter regarding Wilmot Heritage Day to be held on February 23rd at the New Dundee Community Centre from 10:00-3:00. The theme is *Mills from Our Past*. Nancy will put together a new display. Garry, Diane and Carol will attend to staff the information table.
3. Minutes of the meeting of November 12th, 2018
- moved by Garry/Carol that the minutes be accepted as distributed. Carried.
4. Business arising
 - options for pond recognition/protection – there was not a positive response from the GRCA re: designation. Nancy has spoken to Geoff VanderBaaren, who has prepared a report on legislation related to heritage planning. Nancy recommended pursuing Regionally Significant Cultural Heritage Resource recognition. Motion to pursue (Dave/Garry) carried. The pond can also be listed on the Heritage Registry.
 - Friends of the Pond public meeting – this will be held on Monday, January 28th at 7:00 p.m. in Wellesley Community Centre. Project details can be seen at <https://wellesleypondproject.wixsite.com/website>
5. New Business
 - AGM – this will be held on February 11th. Nominations for executive positions were: Chair Nancy Maitland; Vice-Chair Dave Holzschuh, Secretary Beth Lealess. The vote will take place at the AGM on February 11
 - volunteer hours – Nancy has been keeping track. These will go into the annual report to Council.
 - budget 2019 – the following budget was distributed. Motion to accept (Dave/Carol) was carried.

| Expense | 2019 Budget |
|---|-------------------|
| Office/admin | \$100.00 |
| Display | \$150.00 |
| Membership (Waterloo Historical Society) | \$30.00 |
| Subscriptions (“Canada’s History” for the library, 2 year subscription) | \$60.00 |
| Acquisition | \$30.00 |
| Acid free supplies | \$300.00 |
| Fair prizes | \$60.00 |
| Public meeting | \$75.00 |
| Web site hosting (2 year term) | \$110.63 |
| Domain name renewal (2 year term) | \$95.00 |
| Total | \$1,010.63 |

- Council meeting - Nancy will attend a meeting later in February to give her annual report. Beth will attend to put forward the proposal for renewal of Nancy's contract as curator. Funds will be presented in accordance with the draft budget and a list of Heritage Committee members for 2019 will be submitted. Motion (Beth/Jean) to renew Nancy's contract. carried.
- Nancy will prepare a Heritage Day press release about material scanned in the past year.
- *Waterloo Chronicle* – this has been scanned by Waterloo Public Library and is now on-line at <http://images.ourontario/waterloo/search> Nancy plans to pull out the material on Wellesley Township for our website.

6. Curator's/Chair's Report

- material scanned includes: Women's Institute minutes from 1919-2008; a marriage register from Hawkesville Presbyterian Church, 1897-1954; minutes from the Linwood Methodist Church Circuit, 1903-1920; a book by Theobald Spetz on the Diamond Jubilee of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Hamilton, 1856-1916; Ottman certificates. A total of around 4100 pages have been digitized this year
- an article on *Coping With Winter* was submitted for the February issue of *Embracing Change*
- a print of the Meyer family horse Redgauntlet was made for Mayor Joe Nowak (at his expense) for his office
- data entry re: photo rehousing is ongoing. Volunteer Andrew Jacobson is working on this
- the next email newsletter will go out later in January
- research requests included questions about land records and a mural in a St. Clements home, and assisting a former exchange student locate the family of Pastor Reinhold from St. Paul's Lutheran Church
- Nancy is working on updating the procedure manual to include information on Inmagic software, and database design, input and searching. Training is planned for members who volunteer on days when the Historical Room is open
- the induction ceremony for the latest additions to the Waterloo Region Hall of Fame will be held at the Waterloo Museum in late April
- 2018 web statistics – 3137 users (average 261/month) / 11383 page views (average 948/month)
- balance in petty cash is \$138.30 (same as last month)
- Historical Society balance \$1524.21 / Heritage Committee balance \$1525.92 and GIC \$6799.61 / Koehler Estate fund \$51.668.58 (outside of main amount invested in GICS)

7. Other Business

- the desirability of getting an extra computer in the Historical Room for those wishing to do research was discussed. It would not be hooked up to the internet.

8. Next meeting – Monday, February 11th, 2019, 10:00 a.m. (AGM and regular meeting)

9. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.