

Minutes

WELLESLEY TOWNSHIP HERITAGE AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

Monday May 13th 2019 – 2:00pm

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

Regrets: Ross Kelterborn, Carol Gregory, Peter van der Maas

1. Call to order – 2:05pm - Nancy

2. Communications

-Upcoming changes to the Ontario Heritage Act, mainly involving the designation of historic properties. The Architectural Conservancy of Ontario will monitor and interpret. Nancy will keep us informed.

-Community Information Forum – June 21st to be held in conjunction with the Wellesley Township Backyard BBQ event. Nancy and Jean will attend with a table display from 5-7pm.

3. Minutes from last meeting April 8 - Motion to accept minutes (Jean/Andrew) was carried.

4. New business

-New printer for the Historical Room – motion to approve purchase up to \$200 (Jean, Dave) was carried.

-Nancy discussed wanting to make walking tours of Linwood and St Clements

- Contest to name new development where JM Schneiders was in Kitchener

5. Business arising

-Nancy met with Carey McClement of Lucy Pearlles Shoppe in Wellesley Village on April 8. Carey will be running a day camp that focuses on the history of Wellesley. This would be a good opportunity to promote fair entries for our prizes. Carey agreed to display copies of WTHS literature.

-Nancy emailed Larry Kryski of Wellesley Is... magazine about adding it to our online collection. She also contacted the New Hamburg Independent about adding *Wellesley on the Pond* 1992-1999 to our online collection. She has not heard back from either.

-Historical model of the Township Hall s have been moved from the basement to our display case in the hall. The plowing and wagon models to be donated to Andrew – motion to accept (Beth, Jean) was carried.

-Nancy provided Dave with a list of buildings that could be photographed. WTHHS will consider how to proceed.

-Dave discussed adding an interest finder on our website/Facebook in group about Family History.

-Nancy will edit an article written by Dave to be submitted to Embracing Change magazine.

-It was decided not to charge fees for research at this time. Etobicoke Historical Society has a great research guide on their website. WTHHS could develop something similar on our site.

6. Report of Chair

- Volunteer key made for historical room

- Ottman descendants attended Historical Room on April 27th as well as Waterloo Region Hall of Fame Ceremony on April 28th

7. Curators Report

- Wrote an article for the *New Hamburg Independent* Community Connects about Charles Ottman
- Web stats Jan-April = 262 users; 288 sessions; 683 page views
- Instagram – added 45 followers since mid-April = 123 followers

8. Financial Reports

- Koehler Estate Fund - \$46,694.40
- Heritage Committee - \$1534.03 (Nancy will check about Heritage Cttee GIC)
- Historical Society - \$1388.96
- Petty cash:
 - Display expenses \$15.25
 - 1907 map – 18x20 = \$22.01 mounted on foam core
 - Donation \$2.30 from sale of DVD
 - Balance in petty cash - \$58.43

9. Other Business

- All members in attendance were interested in attending procedure manual training sessions in the summer. Nancy will look into dates.

10. Next meeting – Monday, June 10th 2:00pm

11. Meeting adjourned at 2:58pm