

# Minutes

## WELLESLEY TOWNSHIP HERITAGE AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

**Monday October 21<sup>st</sup> 2019 – 2:00pm**

Present: Ross Kelterborn, Diane Peters, Garry Peters , Beth Leales, Nancy Maitland, Karolyn Fournier, Dave Holzschuh

Regrets: Peter van der Maas, Jean Herrgott, Judy Mendicino, Andrew Jacobson, Carol Gregory

1. **Call to order** – 2:05pm - Nancy

2. **Communications** - none

3. **Minutes from last meeting** - September 9<sup>th</sup> 2019 - Motion to accept minutes (Garry/Karolyn) was carried.

4. **New business**

a) German Pioneers Day – Nancy will work on identifying Wellesley German Pioneers

b) Fire Department Museum – St. Clements new Fire Hall Museum will have hand drawn pumper cart and truck on display. Nancy will provide information and assist in developing other displays.

c) “Community Connects” column in New Hamburg Independent has been cancelled

d) Cost of supplies for assessment rolls if they are to be transferred to Regional archives – Estimated to be about \$1000. Motion to approve cost not exceeding \$1500 was carried (Dave/Diane).

e) Nancy will calculate volunteer hours for report to council

5. **Business Arising**

a) Apple Butter and Cheese Festival had a good turn out – Frank Erb brought in 2 calendars from 1933 which were purchased for \$15 each

b) No entries were made for the fair prize – Motion not to proceed with fair contest was passed (Beth/Dave).

c) The new printer is set up in the WTHHS Historical Room

d) Expenses – Nancy to add expense report

6. **Curator's Report**

Keith Bell, great-great grandson of one of the early black settlers in the township, John Brown, visited the Historical Room on September 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> and drove around the township with Nancy to take photos.

We have one new member – Sally Neilson of Michigan who visited on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. She is researching the Schickler family of St Clements.

Nancy order archival supplies on October 9 for a total of \$357.20. We will receive a refund of the HST so the final cost will be approximately \$321.

Nancy wrote a short piece for the WHS Annual Volume on Charles Ottman and the Waterloo Region Hall of Fame.

Nancy also wrote an article about Horseshoe Pitching for *Embracing Change* magazine.

Andrew has been working on updating the photo database.

Nancy researched the restrictions on the birth, marriage and death records. They are retained by the Registrar General then released on a year by year basis. Access restrictions as follows are now posted on our website:

- Births closed after 1917
- Marriages closed after 1936
- Deaths closed after 1946

Nancy has been compiling a list of who has served on township council and adding it to our website.

Newsletter sent October 3

Scanning of the Council Minutes – 1866-1953 has been completed.

Nancy distributed a spreadsheet showing township records which have now been digitized, 1854-2008.

Nancy donated several WHS annual volumes that contain articles about Wellesley Township so we now have aall of them. The updated list is with the volumes.

A scrapbook from Pat Snyder's great-great grandmother was donated.

Web stats – YTD 2388 users – 3181 sessions – 10214 page views

## 7. Financial Reports

-No new reports from Theresa

### Petty Cash

Date	In	Out	Balance
2019-09-09	\$142.11 top-up		\$200.54
2019-09-28		\$30 - 2 calendars, Frank Erb	170.54
2019-10-02		\$23.72 - ledger size paper for printer	146.82
2019-10-17		\$31.63 Magazine file boxes (pkg 5)	115.19

## 8. Other Business

- Karolyn mentioned that Trevor and Ellen Jutzi of New Hamburg are offering a memorial/gravestone cleaning service.

9. **Next Meeting:** Monday November 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm

10. Meeting adjourned at 3:05 pm.