

## **MINUTES**

### **WELLESLEY TOWNSHIP HERITAGE and HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING**

**Monday, March 9, 2020; 2:00 p.m.**

Present: Nancy Maitland, Andrew Jacobson, Diane Peters, Garry Peters, Carol Gregory

Regrets: Peter van der Maas, Ross Kelterborn, Beth Lealess, Judy Mendicino, Jean Herrgott, Dave Holzschuh.

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:03pm by Nancy Maitland.

2. Delegations – None

3. Minutes of the last meeting – January 13, 2020

- Karolyn suggested the minutes should be amended to note that she would check with the Region of Waterloo Library - Wellesley staff about circulation, cost and labelling of Canada's History magazine.

Garry moved to accept the minutes as amended, Carol seconded. Carried

4. Communications – RWL bus trip to Schneider Haus, March 12

- Nancy reminded us of the Region of Waterloo Library bus tour from Wellesley to Joseph Schneider Haus. She added the event to our website, and Beth added it to Instagram & Facebook.

5. New Business

- Postcard purchase – Nancy has been bidding on an Ottman panoramic “bookmark” postcard listed on eBay. Highest bid is now \$17.00 US, and someone is bidding against her. She is guessing it’s an antique collector from Wellesley. Since we have other similar postcards she will stop bidding. Nancy showed us two “bookmark” style postcards we already have in our collections from Hilda Cook and Bob Hammer that are very similar to the entire other [?] bookmark.
- It was suggested that we get in contact with Kim Banbury to see about obtaining high resolution photos of some of the images she is sharing on the Wellesley Remembered Facebook page. Karolyn will contact Kim.
- Nancy successfully purchased the real photo postcard of Queen Street (now Queen's Bush) from eBay & shared with us. Photo will be scanned.

6. Old Business

- Council meeting – report, budget, contract renewal
  - Nancy has not yet arranged a meeting date for attending a Council Meeting to present our budget and give a report of what she’s done. She is now working without an official contract, and Wellesley Township is still paying her for her time. We need to request our budget be approved through Theresa Bisch, the Township Treasurer. We’ll see what date she suggests and one of our members will attend the council meeting as Nancy, in her position of curator, cannot ask Council to renew her own contract.

- Tax assessment rolls
  - Nancy would like to contact Grace Kosh, Township of Wellesley Clerk to further discuss the township documents that are proposed to be moved to the Region of Waterloo Archives. The Region wants us to pay for the acid-free boxes which we've agreed to pay up to \$1,500. The documents will be cleaned by ROW Archives staff after transfer. There has been no progress in arranging the transfer. Nancy has a meeting scheduled with Grace on March 16.
- Heritage Day in Wilmot
  - This event held at New Dundee Community Centre on Saturday, February 22 and was well attended. Walking tour brochures and membership forms from our booth were shared.
  - Brenda Hoerle, an attendee who requested information on the Zion Church that we may have. She is a moderator of the Philipsburg History Center, Ontario Facebook pages. We suggest she looks in the Wellesley Maple Leaf Journal records we have online.

## 7. Chair/Curator's Report

- Nancy created two displays about Places of Worship in Wellesley Township. One is a travelling display and the other is on a bulletin board in the Heritage room.
- After we rehoused the photo collection, we had many acid free envelopes and we will reuse these to rehouse the Wellesley Maple Leaf research files into them. Nancy prepared these envelopes (erased old labels, cropped & glued) and printed 308 labels. Karolyn will transfer files to these new envelopes on Monday afternoons, starting today. Karolyn will need to sign a volunteer form.
- Nancy will be in the Historical Room three hours every Monday for the next while.
- Roy Stahle was hoping for information and was referred to Judy Mendicino as she has been doing some research on her Stahle family.
- New Orleans Pizza in St. Clements had viewed the photos of the Township on the website & requested permission to use, but because the email went to spam folder, our reply was too late and they used another photo instead.
- Nancy has asked permission from Village Photographer to use the St. Clements Church's photo from their website in her display.
- Blanche Moser has done research on the Moser family and has donated two photos of the St. Clements school students.
- Nancy has backlog on cataloguing that she'll be working on over the next several Monday afternoons when she's here in the Historical Room.

Nancy presented her expenses as follows:

**Expenses - Personal:**

Date	Description	Amount
2020-01-20	Labels/glue for envelopes	\$20.09
2020-01-23	Postcard – Queen St looking east (\$34 US)	48.53
2020-02-12	Photo of Boyd Church - Mennonite Historical Society	5.00
2020-02-20	Display supplies	14.13
2020-02-21	Frames/ for displays	8.48
		\$96.23

**Expenses – Petty Cash:**

Date	Description	Amount
2020-01028	Subscription – “Canada’s History”	\$57.10

Motion to accept by Diane, Andrew seconded, carried.

- Website statistics: YTD Monthly average: 344 users, 425 sessions, 1138 page views.
- Canada's History magazine discussion.
  - Karolyn visited the magazine website: there are six issues annually and are not available digitally. Karolyn visited the Wellesley branch of the library to see the magazines & discuss with librarian. Magazines are of excellent quality are being used by patrons. The Wellesley branch is the only branch of the Region of Waterloo Library to have this subscription. Copies are discarded at the end of each year. The “stickers” showing our donation is only visible on the mailing address and is easily missed. Half of the magazines did not have a mailing address adhered to the issues. Nancy will create & provide the library with stickers using the "W" font indicating the subscription is donated by WTHHS for the library to use. Nancy will request that we'd like old returned instead of thrown out annually.
- Nancy will do a newsletter at the end of March

**8. Financial Reports**

- Same as last meeting, except petty cash which is \$58.09
- Nancy has receipts for petty cash to reimburse us to bring the balance back up to \$200

**9. Other Business**

- We have a few commemorative church booklets. Donation of several booklets from St. Peter's Lutheran from the pastor's wife, Sue Hammer.

10. Next Meeting: April 20, 2020 at 2:00

11. Meeting was adjourned at 2:47.