

**Minutes**  
**WELLESLEY TOWNSHIP HERITAGE/HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
**MEETING**  
**Monday, AUGUST 29, 2016, 7:30 p.m.**

Present: Carol Gregory, Dave Holzschuh, Ross Kelterborn, Beth Lealess, Nancy Maitland, Diane Peters, Peter Van der Maas

Regrets: Garry Peters

1. Call to order - 7:35 p.m. (Nancy)

2. Delegations - none

3. Minutes of the meeting of June 20, 2016

- moved by Carol/Ross that the minutes be accepted as distributed. Carried.

4. Business arising

- Oral history – Nancy passed around a copy of *The Community Edition* which contained an article on “If Streets Could Talk”. Something similar might be done here and posted on the website.

- Heritage Organization Development grant – Nancy checked on this further. We would need to be incorporated or affiliated with the Ontario Historical Society to apply, so we did not do so at this time. Nancy will check further.

- Municipal Heritage Register – nothing further has been done with this. Nancy requested assistance and Beth and Carol will consider doing this when they are available.

- Collection Management Software (DB/Textworks) – cost would be around \$1600 (including a \$300 one-time management fee for the first year). Motion (Peter/Beth): that Nancy proceed with the purchase of the software, using funds accumulated at the township office from the sale of the Steckley DVD. CARRIED.

- Volunteer hours – we need to keep track of these for grant applications.

- New exhibit on “Family Treasures” – this will highlight local families and will be set up by the end of September.

5. Treasurers’ Reports

- Carol reported there is \$1500.59 in the Heritage Society chequing account, with an additional \$6745.64 in a GIC (unchanged).

- Beth reported that the current balance in the Historical Society account is \$2098.65.

- Nancy reported that there is \$93.36 in petty cash.

6. Communications

- none

## 7. Curator's Report

- website statistic this year have averaged 250 sessions/month, with 1278 page views/month.
- a section on "Wellesley Township History in the News" has been added to the website
- Nancy has been in discussion with Leonard Horst regarding information on the accident at Huber's Cider Mill in Linwood in September 1908 in which two local men were killed. Information about the incident has been put on the website, our Facebook page and the Instagram feed.
- Beth has updated the Facebook page.
- Nancy purchased an old postcard of Wellesley on eBay.
- a number of new supplies are needed, with an approximate cost of \$331 + shipping. Motion (Ross/Beth): that Nancy be authorized to purchase supplies needed. CARRIED.
- Nancy met with Jim Hunt, a teacher at Hawkesville Public School in 1953/54 and he donated photos of students at the school and of his farewell party. These have been scanned for the collection.
- the movies in the Steckley DVD were done by a student minister in the 1940s. He also produced films for other communities and the originals are now at Western University. We could purchase copies of other local DVDs from them (Linwood/Macton and St. Clements).
- recent expenses have included Ontario Historical Society membership (\$45), postcard from eBay (\$2.72), map reproductions (\$23.05). Motion (Dave/Peter) that Nancy be reimbursed \$70.77 for these expenses. CARRIED.

## 8. New Business

- this year's Doors Open program is on September 17. The Historical Room will not be open, but Nancy plans to set up a booth with other local historical groups at Sun Life in Waterloo.
- the Historical Room will be open from 9:00-2:00 during the Apple Butter and Cheese Festival on September 24. Nancy will be present all day. Ross will come from 9:00-10:00, Garry from 10:00-12:00 and Beth from 12:00-2:00.
- in order to apply for grant applications we need to hold a formal AGM. This will take place in January.
- 170 of the Ottman photos loaned by an Ottman descendant in Guelph have been scanned.
- Ross brought in some copies of magazines dating from 1913 to the 1930s.
- the property in Bamberg which has the remains of an underground brick brewery has been sold. We should let the new owners know that it is an important feature and that we appreciate that it is being preserved.

## 9. Next Meeting - Monday, October 3, 7:30 p.m

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. (moved by Dave/Peter).