

Minutes
WELLESLEY TOWNSHIP HERITAGE/HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MEETING
Monday, OCTOBER 3, 2016, 7:30 p.m.

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

1. Call to order - 7:35 p.m. (Nancy)
2. Delegations - none
3. Minutes of the meeting of August 29, 2016
- moved by Dave/Garry that the minutes be accepted as distributed. Carried.
4. Business arising
 - Nancy passed around an article from the Waterloo Historical Society annual volume on the remains of an underground brewery in Bamberg
 - Collection Management Software (DB/Textworks) – has been ordered and received and Nancy has begun working with it. The township has paid for it from a fund which consists of the proceeds from sale of the Steckley DVD. Dave agreed to write up descriptions of the family material which he donated and this can be added to the database
 - Nancy attended the Doors Open event at Sun Life Financial in Waterloo on September 17. In preparation for this she updated the 3-panel display board. It was a long day!
 - ABC Festival, September 24 – there were a number of visitors to the Historical Room. Nancy thanked those who volunteered to help out (Ross, Garry, Beth). Several research requests were received and one copy of the *Maple Leaf Journal*, four copies of *The Kaiser's Bust* and two copies of the Eby book were sold; these sales brought in \$56 + a \$2.40 donation. Three copies of the Steckley DVD were also sold. It was suggested that we set up a booth outside next year (weather permitting) to encourage people to come up to the Historical Room; perhaps have a “what is it contest” in the booth
 - Archival supplies have been ordered at a cost of \$319.98. The township will pay as it can be reimbursed for the HST. The cost on the invoice was incorrect and Nancy is working with Theresa Bisch to make the correction. Motion (Beth/Garry) that we reimburse the township for the corrected amount. **CARRIED**
 - web statistics – 348 sessions and 1299 page views (average/month)
 - Nancy was contacted re: information on the Wallenstein railway bridge
 - the constitution and by-laws need to be revised in order to apply for incorporation with the Ontario Historical Society. The revised constitution will need to include a clause about what would happen if the society disbanded. Nancy has spoken with someone at the Waterloo Region Museum re: accepting a donation of the artefacts and will talk to Waterloo Historical Society re: accepting the archival materials if we have to disband.
 - volunteer hours – we need to keep track of these for grant applications. Time spent at meetings can be included
 - copies of videos taken in St. Clements at Linwood by the same person who took the

movie in the Steckley DVD have been purchased for our collection from Western University. Western holds copyright to these versions so we cannot change or sell them.

5. Treasurers' Reports

- Beth reported that the current balance in the Historical Society account is \$2098.65 (unchanged)
- Nancy reported that there is \$155.70 in petty cash.

6. Communications

- none

7. Curator's Report

- scans of funeral cards donated by Julie Schnurr have been added to the website along with scanned images of the Kuhn mountain motorcycle climb
- work has begun on processing the Word table to convert records to Excel in order to import them into DB/Textworks
- research requests were received regarding the history of a building in St. Clements and regarding maps of Linwood
- Nancy has spoken with Stacy McLennan at the Waterloo Region Museum. We will receive a CD of Wellesley photographs in their collection. A copy of the Ottman photographs in our collection, will be sent there

8. New Business

- Geoff VanderBaaren from the township office contacted Nancy regarding plans to replace the bridge on Nafziger Road in Wellesley near Wellesley Apple Products. He indicated that a Regional study did not deem the bridge (built in 1938) to have historical significance. It was agreed that the Society had no concerns about replacing it
- there was discussion of whether we should be offering heritage grants to designated properties in the township. It was agreed that we are not in a position to offer grants either financially or in terms of expertise to evaluate applications
- Woolwich township is planning to do a Cultural Heritage Landscape study which will include Wellesley Township at no cost to us
- Nancy will be meeting with Paul Schmalz, whose father once owned the gas station across from the pond in Wellesley regarding a donation
- Julie Schnurr received a donation of a scrapbook of local people who fought in World War I and Nancy plans to scan this for our collection
- Nancy submitted a bill for expenses for \$67.37. Motion (Dave/Garry) that Nancy be reimbursed. CARRIED
- Dave raised the issue of how we can get more people involved in the Society. Having a representative from each town in the township was suggested. Council would need to be involved in setting this up, perhaps through the local recreation boards

9. Next meeting - Monday, November 21, 7:30 p.m

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. (moved by Dave/Garry).