

Minutes
WELLESLEY TOWNSHIP HERITAGE/HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MEETING
Monday, NOVEMBER 21, 2016, 7:30 p.m.

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

Regrets: Carol Gregory

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

2. Delegations - none

3. Minutes of the meeting of October 3, 2016

- moved by Peter/Beth that the minutes be accepted as distributed. Carried.

4. Business arising

- WTHHS constitution and by-laws need to be revised before we can incorporate with the Ontario Historical Society. Nancy distributed a draft and asked members to send feedback by December 5th.

- CIBC signing authority for the Heritage Society (old LACAC) account still needs to be finalized. Nancy will follow up with Carol.

- Heritage Register still needs to be finalized

- marketing on Facebook, Instagram, Wellesley Is.... – Nancy has spoken to Larry Kryski regarding getting a regular column in Wellesley Is... Historical Room visiting hours will be listed in local newspapers (Elmira, New Hamburg); Peter will look after this and will also see that notices are put on the Women of Wellesley and Men of Wellesley Facebook pages.

- web statistics – 338 sessions and 1264 page views (average/month)

5. Treasurers' Reports

- Beth reported that the current balance in the Historical Society account is \$1675.09

- Nancy reported that there is \$155.76 in petty cash. She will take \$22.60 from petty cash to the township office for payment received for a Steckley DVD

6. Communications

- a copy of the OHA Bulletin will be received through membership in the Ontario Historical Society

7. Curator's Report

- work has begun on converting the Word table to allow records to be imported into InMagic

- approximately 170 Ottman photos have been scanned and organized.

- Nancy's article on Charles Ottman has been accepted for publication in the Waterloo Historical Society annual volume which will come out in May

- Nancy met with Paul Schmalz, whose father once owned the gas station across from the pond in Wellesley. He donated a number of items from the 1960s, including a baseball uniform, album of photos showing the moving of the old post office to Doon Heritage Village, a photo of the baseball team, and a 1964 map of the village of Wellesley showing lots and owners.
- costs for archival supplies were paid through the township office and the Society reimbursed them. This allowed us to save the HST.
- Nancy was contacted by Margaret Fritsch, a retired teacher, who was looking for photos for the Wellesley school's 50th anniversary celebrations.
- Nancy spoke to Darlene Bast regarding ledgers from the cheese factory run by her family. These can be borrowed to scan.
- Leonard Horst is still gathering information on the history of the cider mill explosion near Linwood. He has also suggested the Braendle house and cider mill site near Heidelberg could be designated.
- Nancy met with members of the Rushes Cemetery board to discuss a new plaque to be placed beside the special tombstone located there.
- Nancy attended a genealogy fair at Kitchener Public Library and won a number of books which she donated to our collection

8. New Business

- volunteer hours – we need to keep track of these for grant applications. Hours for January to December should be submitted prior to the Annual General Meeting.
- Peter reported on the workshop held on the Community Improvement Plan. After the plan is approved in April money should be available to residents interested applying for funds for community improvement projects.
- Dave attended the genealogy fair at KPL and reported on a workshop he attended on attracting younger members.
- the next Doors Open will be held on September 16, 2017 and will feature sites in North Dumfries, Woolwich and Wellesley townships.
- an Annual General Meeting will need to be held prior to incorporation with the Ontario Historical Society. This could possibly take place in February.

9. Other Business

- Garry is still doing research on the early history of police villages

9. Next meeting – date to be established early in the new year

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.