

Minutes
WELLESLEY TOWNSHIP HERITAGE/HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MEETING
Monday, June 19, 2017, 7:30 p.m.

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

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

2. Delegations - none

3. Minutes of the meeting of May 1, 2017

- moved by Garry/Ross that the minutes ~~for both meetings~~ be accepted as distributed. Carried.

4. Business arising

- Nancy will set up a display at the Canada 150 celebrations at the Township office on June 23rd
- terms of reference for Heritage Committee and Historical Society – these are already available for the Heritage Committee, which is governed by the Ontario Heritage Act. Nancy distributed draft terms of reference for the Historical Society. These will need to be discussed with Grace Kosch. The finance section has already been reviewed by Theresa Bisch. Anyone with comments should submit these to Nancy. The final document will go to Township Council in August for approval.

- it was agreed that the subscription to *Canada's History*, which is donated to the Wellesley Public Library, should be renewed. Nancy will ask about labelling issues to indicate that they have been donated by the Historical Society.

- Wellesley Township Fall Fair prize – information is in the Fall Fair book and on our website.

- Koehler estate fund – Nancy distributed a summary of discussions about the fund found in our minutes since September 2007. Because there does not seem to be a written agreement or resolution in the minutes to preserve the capital, there was further discussion about whether we should aim to preserve the capital.

- Nancy and Beth will arrange to close down the accounts at CIBC.

- new plaque for Rushes Cemetery – Nancy is still trying to contact those in charge.

- Nancy has not yet contacted Community Care Concepts re: speaking at a community lunch.

- someone from HPAC has been hired to do an inventory of historic barns in Waterloo Region

- Garry will review the binder listing potential properties for the heritage ~~designation~~ register

5. Treasurers' Reports

- balance in petty cash is \$175.16.

6. Communications

- Waterloo Historical Society annual volume 104 (2016) has been received. It contains Nancy's article on Charles Ottman

- an invitation to attend a picnic and presentation about a new novel on L.M. Montgomery,

which is to be held at Castle Kilbride on June 25th, was passed around. A scene for the new TV series based on the book was filmed at Castle Kilbride.

7. Curator's Report

- Kitchener Public Library has scanned Kitchener, Waterloo and county directories back to 1864
- Nancy will send out an email with possible dates for anyone interested in assisting with an inventory of the collection.
- Nancy went to KPL and scanned some township records (Board of Health 1885-1960), Police Village accounts and minutes (1908-1961). She has also scanned some of the Society's records (Bamberg school records back to 1859; these are in German and she has found someone willing to translate them).
- Nancy purchased a postcard on eBay showing the light pole in the Wellesley main intersection.
- two calendars donated by Castle Kilbride have been framed for the collection.
- a donation of textiles was received from Ann Wilhelm.
- some old books and photographs were donated by Donna Hudspeth in British Columbia. It was agreed that we should reimburse her mailing costs of \$20.
- an engraving plate for the wedding announcement of Deborah Glaister's sister was donated by Chris Allen.
- expenses for the first half of 2017 were \$315.25. Nancy will submit a bill to Theresa Bisch.
- Nancy referred an email from someone in Prince Edward County wanting to arrange a bus tour of this area to Del Gingrich of the Mennonite Story Museum in St. Jacobs.
- Nancy met with some descendants of John Schmidt, the founder of Wellesley, who were visiting the area.

8. New Business

- there has been a request for funding from Professor Kuebart who lives in the Frenzel house, one of our designated buildings. A copy of Criteria and Process for Wellesley Township Heritage/Historical Society Grants was distributed and will be passed on to him
- the Township planner has received a request to make changes to the Forrest house, which is a designated property.
- Sylvia Galbraith will be offering an exhibit in the fall at Kitchener City Hall. She plans to show contemporary pictures along with historical photographs. Nancy will be meeting with her re: settings in Wellesley Township. She would be willing to do a local presentation to the public.

9. Other Business

- Dave brought in a copy of a special edition of the *Elmira Independent* from 1982 on the 150th anniversary of the settlement of Wellesley Township. He also brought in the hard-cover ledger covering ca. 1862-1866 from a store in St. Jacobs which contains Wellesley entries. This has been donated to our collection. Dave has indexed this book.

10. Next meeting – Monday, August 28th, 7:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.