

Minutes
WELLESLEY TOWNSHIP HERITAGE AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MEETING
Monday, October 23, 2017, 7:30 p.m.

Present: Carol Gregory, Ross Kelterborn, Joanna Kipfer, Nancy Maitland, Larry Park, Diane Peters, Garry Peters, Peter Van der Maas

Regrets: Dave Holzschuh, Beth Lealess, Harold Russell

1. Call to order - 7:31 p.m. (Nancy)

2. Delegations - none

3. Minutes of the meeting of September 25th, 2017

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

4. Business arising

- work is continuing on the Heritage Register

- ABC Festival, September 30th – Eight entries were received for the “What Is It?” contest. A student from the University of Waterloo was awarded the Steckley DVD prize.

Attendance in the Historical Room was small but steady. One Steckley DVD and two books were sold. Nancy thanked Ross for coming to the Historical Room and to Garry and Diane for looking after the “What is It?” table outside. Next year we should re-evaluate having the “What Is It?” contest.

- Nancy did a presentation at the Young at Heart (seniors) meeting in St. Clements on October 18th. Seventeen people attended. Nancy talked about the history of the township and the Historical Society collection. Thanks were extended to Dave for giving a brief talk on his family history research and to Garry for help with set-up and tear down.

- Nancy and Carol will attend the township council meeting on October 24th. Nancy will give a report to Council; highlights will include: 420 volunteer hours by Society members (January-October); five new members, including one in Nova Scotia; 25 research requests; average of 980 page-views/month and 300 sessions/month for the website. The proposed by-law and terms of reference will be presented for approval. A request will be made for a \$1000 budget for 2018. Carol will make a motion that the curator’s contract be renewed for another year.

- the recently published *Rails to Goderich* book includes a copy of one of the Ottman photos from our collection. A complimentary copy of the book was received.

5. Communications - none

6. Curator’s Report

- conversion of records to Inmagic has been completed

- \$51.75 was taken from petty cash (supplies, history prize for fair, table rental for ABC Festival); current balance is \$148.41

- website statistics – as noted above

- Nancy has ordered additional acid-free supplies and submitted the invoice to Theresa Bisch at the Township Office; Nancy has worked with Theresa to prepare a budget for 2018
- Nancy attended the McKee Farms lunch and tour for descendants of the McKee family and of families of Baltic immigrants brought to the Linwood area by the McKees in the late 1940s

7. New Business

- an October newsletter was sent out by email; newsletters will be sent out quarterly
- United Way funding opportunity – we should think about projects which might be appropriate
- Waterloo Historical Society – moved by Ross/Carol that we budget \$30 for membership.

CARRIED.

- nothing further has been done regarding plaques for the cider mill site near Linwood or for Rushes Cemetery
- there are only a few Steckley DVDs left – Nancy is discussing the idea of reproducing more with the Steckley family

8. Other Business - none

9. Next meeting – Monday, November 20th, 7:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.