

Minutes

WELLESLEY TOWNSHIP HERITAGE AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

Monday, November 20, 2017, 7:30 p.m.

Present: Ross Kelterborn, Nancy Maitland, Dave Holzschuh,

Regrets: Beth Lealess, Harold Russell, Larry Park, Joanna Kipfer, Peter Van der Maas, Carol Gregory

1. Call to order - 7:35 p.m. (Nancy).
2. Delegations - none
3. Minutes of the meeting of October 23, 2017 - since there was not a quorum of members in attendance the minutes were not approved.
4. Business arising
 - Heritage Register – little progress has been made on the register. This will be a project for 2018
 - Report to Council: Nancy said that she and Carol Gregory had attended the Council meeting on October 24. Nancy presented the curator's report which was well received. Carol asked Council to renew Nancy's contract. Approved. The revised by-law and Terms of Reference for the WTHHS was approved by Council. Our request for \$1000 budget from the Koehler Estate Fund for 2018 was approved.
 - The Heritage GIC will mature in early December. Theresa Bisch, Township Treasurer will arrange to have the money transferred to the township for re-investment as appropriate.
5. Communications - none
6. Curator's Report –
 - Expenses/petty cash – Nancy paid our Waterloo Historical Society membership of \$30 on November 3, leaving \$118.41 in petty cash.
 - website stats averages year-to-date - 315 sessions/month; 254 unique visitors/month; 930 page views/month
 - Additional items from Donna Hudspeth, Langley, BC – more photos from the Birmingham and Hammond families from the Crosshill area; map of Crosshill with numbered stickers and a typed list of information of people and places in Crosshill.
 - Schaub family information – research for Mrs. Marilyn Schaub, widow of Robert Schaub, grandson on Michael Schaub of the Knechtel and Schaub Foundry in Wellesley. This information can be added to our website.

- Starr/Esbaugh family information - research for Gilbert Runstedler on the Starr and Esbaugh families, the former being one of the earliest families in the township, on the 1843 Walker survey
- There was a short discussion about if and how to preserve the results of family history research so that future reference questions may be handled more easily. Nancy suggested we purchase family tree software and import the results of her research. The aim is **not** to provide researchers with a complete family tree, but to be able to respond to questions. This raises several issues about the use of images belonging to ancestry.ca. Ross suggested that Nancy charge people for time spent in research. Nancy said this would be too complicated with the township paying her a salary and then asking researchers to pay her.
- There was a discussion about a recent request to obtain the complete digital file of the *Wellesley Maple Leaf* newspaper, which is available for public access on our website. It was decided that since Nancy did the work to digitize the information from microfilm at the Kitchener Public Library, it is an asset belonging to WTHHS and will not be distributed to individuals. This decision, and its application to other digital resources will be discussed at the next full meeting.

7. New Business

- January newsletter – the next newsletter will be distributed mid-January 2018. Nancy said she would send a reminder to WTHHS members if they had something to submit for the newsletter.
- Dave discussed the details of another business ledger from St. Jacobs donated by the family of Ralph Meyer of St. Clements. It seems to have been the property of a blacksmith, ca. 1872-1880. He presented donor forms he prepared for two recent donations. They had been signed by the donor. Nancy signed on behalf of WTHHS and Dave said he would return the donor's copies to her.
- Dave asked Nancy for lists of teachers of Wellesley schools in order to date several school photos in his family's collection. Nancy said she would contact the school board to see what information they have.

8. Other Business

9. Next meeting – Monday, January 22, 2018, 7:30 p.m.

10. The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.