

# MEMBER NEWS

## Watch for JHA Dues invoice



The 2016 Dues invoices have been mailed and you should have them by now. Come to the meeting on Thursday January 21 to pay, or mail to our PO box.

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## New Newsletter Format

Hope you enjoy the new format we are testing out for the newsletter. Your editor has been working on the side lines, testing out new formats and wanting to change to a Microsoft Word format instead of the previous format built and proprietary Apple software.

The old format has been in place for several years,

and a new fresh format was needed. Hopefully this will be easier to edit as the old one was becoming a bit cumbersome.

Thank you for your support of this newsletter and the Association. We would welcome any stories you would like to contribute. Every family has a story, it would be fun to begin highlighting your story's of Jenison

## Minutes of the Jenison Historical Association November 19, 2015

Present: Mike Timmer Gene Kort, Liz Timmer, Nellie DeLaat, Ruth Lowing, Linda Droog, Sandy Wensink, Barb Semeyn, Megan Albro, Ken Williams, Yvonne Williams, Ron Villerius, Mary Raper.

### **Association/Museum Business**

Approve November Agenda: Motion to approve as written. Carried.

Review October Minutes: Motion to approve as written with the following corrections-add Nellie DeLaat to those present and correct spelling of Sandy Wensink's name. Carried

Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept as written. Carried.

Curator/Historian's Report: Ken presented a list of volunteer hours logged for October and November. Total of 192 hours which did not include finishing up with Christmas decorating and today's 2 hour tour.

Assistance given to community people: Patti V. requested info on the VerStrate family (Ronnie was also involved), Jeffery S. brought in pictures of Haires' landing showing the parts of dock underwater., Lee C. shared more pictures of docking boards underwater on the Grand, along with lumbering artifacts he's found near Blendon Landing. Helene V.H. requested info on the Jenison Fuel Co.

~~November 20, 2015 Jenison High School has a student interested in "Job Shadowing", Ken will work with him.~~

Township Representative's Report: Ron reported that a study is being conducted on the Library expansion and a report is to be back in February/March. Decision has been finalized to have the Veterans Memorial at the corner of Main and Baldwin. The Kmart site is progressing as well as the addition to the Senior Center and Rosewood Park upgrade. The township board hopes to have Open House/dedication for the Center and Park by Memorial Day.

Acquisitions Report: No new items recorded.

Maintenance Report: Mike reported he has sorted out paint cans and discarded what he could. The fanning mill has been moved from the front porch to the basement. Some painting was done above the porch but the green trim shingle siding is in need of repainting in the near future. Mike is also working with Dan Carlton on getting an estimate for replacing flashing on roof of front porch, still waiting for quotes.

### Master Plan Report

- Timeline - in planning stage
- Inventory - on going but Sandy is being trained to assist Ruth
- Clear Coat Basement - Mike checked on cost of sealer at \$14.98/gal x 16 gal for approx. \$300.

## Minutes of the Jenison Historical Association (Continued)

Jobs/contacts for 2016: Liz handed out a sheet with assigned duties which was reviewed.

2016 Budget Development: discussion followed as the board worked thru a proposed plan. Motion was made by Ken and Mike to approve as presented. Carried.

Elections: Only one trustee position was up for election this year. Linda was nominated and accepted. She was voted in for 3 more years, and also is willing to continue as Recording Secretary.

Community Expo Report: Our booth was well received. The "Now and Then" picture display was the main attraction. Next year's expo is scheduled for first Saturday in November.

2016 Meeting Locations: Liz has sent in the request for room use at the Library. We will assume at this time that our January meeting will be confirmed.

March/April 2016 Open House Format: Liz presented a list of questions which we reviewed. With some minor changes and a request to divide this list into two separate ones, our history mystery questions were approved.

Holiday Open House is set for Saturday, December 5 from 1-4pm. Volunteers signed up to work.

### **New Business**

Facebook Sites: Mary Raper has posted the museum on to more sites. We now have information about our museum on Counties of West Michigan Genealogy & History and Historic Images of Ottawa County MI.

New Members: Ruth reported two new members have joined. Gunnink and Klein. Ken requested a complete membership list be emailed to the board members.

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Note: If any member is interested in working on any committee, much help is needed to keep the Association going. Please join an upcoming meeting, contact a board member, or email to [info@jenisonhistory.org](mailto:info@jenisonhistory.org). if you have some time to commit. Help is most needed in publishing the newsletter, working open houses and many other area's.

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# Treasurer Report Year End 2015

## Jenison Historical Association Treasurers Report

Date	Num	Transaction	Memo	Category	Amount
<b>Beginning Balance</b>					<b>\$5,966.44</b>
11/19/15	2075	Yvonne Williams	Cleaning Supplies	Misc	(\$13.47)
			Displays	Displays	(\$12.00)
11/28/15	2076	US Postal Service	Postage for Ornament sale	Postage:Ornaments	(\$3.94)
12/7/15	Dep	Deposit	Ornament Sales	Gift Store: Ornaments	\$30.00
			Books Sold	Gift Store: Books	\$10.00
			Mill Print	Gift Store: Prints	\$20.00
			Open House 12/5/15	Donation:Open House	\$210.00
12/10/15	Dep	Deposit	St Pius Special Tour 11/19/15	Donation: Private Tour	\$18.00
			Delta Kappa Gamma 12/8/15	Donation: Private Tour	\$50.00
			Verstrate Research Thank You	Donation	\$20.00
12/12/15	2077	Yvonne Williams	Purchase of Bend in the River	Gift Store Expense: Book	(\$75.00)
			Fresh flowers	Displays	(\$30.00)
12/23/15	Dep	Deposit	Ornament sales	Gift Store:Ornaments	\$65.00
			Book sale	Gift Store: Books	\$10.00
			2 private Tours	Donation: Private Tour	\$15.00
Activity for report period					\$313.59
<b>Checking Account Balance</b>					<b>\$ 6,280.03</b>
<b>Petty Cash</b>					<b>\$50.00</b>
		12/1/12			
<b>Petty Cash Balance</b>					<b>\$ 50.00</b>
<b>ENDING Accounts BALANCE</b>					<b>\$ 6,330.03</b>
<b>2013 Retained Earnings</b>					<b>\$4,979.77</b>
Total Income 2014					\$5,072.60
Total Expenses 2014					(\$4,538.94)
<b>2014 Retained Earnings</b>					<b>\$5,513.43</b>
Total Income 2015					\$3,202.51
Total Expenses 2015					(\$2,435.91)
Petty Cash Box					\$50.00
<b>Cash on Hand</b>					<b>\$6,330.03</b>
Receivables					\$0.00
<b>Total Equity</b>					<b>\$ 6,330.03</b>
<b>SPECIAL RESERVE FUND-RESTORATION PROJECT-BEGINNING BALANCE January 2015</b>					<b>\$ 101.68</b>
<b>SPECIAL FUND-RESTORATION PROJECT-ENDING BALANCE (note, this balance is part of the total Cash on Hand above</b>					<b>\$ 101.68</b>

## Upcoming Open Houses

## JHA Trustee's

### Jenison Museum "History Mystery"

March 2, 2016 – 10 to Noon AM

March 19 – 2 to 4 PM

April 5, 2016 – 10 to Noon AM

April 16, 2016 – 2 to 4 PM

Tour the Museum during the March and April Open Houses to look for clues about Jenison History.

### Jenison Museum Souvenir's

Our newest souvenir in the Gift Shop is still available for sale. This year we are highlighting the Jenison Mill. We also have a few of our previous design from 2012 highlighting the Jenison Museum



**Prices:** \$15 each or two for \$25

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#### Chair

Liz Timmer (2016)  
457-3708

#### Vice Chair/Curator/Tours

Ken Williams (2017)  
772.6523

#### Treasurer/Editor

Ruth Lowing (2017)  
540-4709

#### Social Secretary

Nellie DeLaat (2016)  
457-1193

#### Recording Secretary

Linda Droog (2018)  
457-3016

#### Archivist

Barb Semeyn (2017)  
457-9343

#### Maintenance/Historian

Mike Timmer (2016)  
531-1218

#### Trustee

Yvonne Williams (2017)  
772-6523

Gene Kort (2016)  
534-6769

#### Township Rep

Ron Villerius

(####) = year of term expiration

**Contact Information:** Members may contact the board at the above phone numbers or leave a message at 457-4398 or [info@jenisonhistory.org](mailto:info@jenisonhistory.org)

**Organization Membership in the Historical Association of Michigan**  
Find us on the registry of the Historical Society of Michigan  
[www.hsmichigan.org](http://www.hsmichigan.org)

## 2016 Association Schedule

### Museum Open House Schedule

Saturday, Open House schedule

March 1, 2016 10-12 AM "History Mystery"  
March 19, 2016 2-4 PM - "History Mystery"  
April 5, 2016 10-12 AM - "History Mystery"  
April 16, 2016 2-4 PM - "History Mystery"  
May 3, 2016 - 10-12 AM - "When and Wear"  
May 21, 2016 - 2-4 PM - "When and Wear"  
June 7, 2016 - 10-12 AM - "When and Wear"  
June 18, 2016 - 2-4 PM - "When and Wear"

Check out the web site for the entire 2016 schedule

### Meeting Schedule

Meetings are all open to the public and held on the **3rd Thursday** of the month at 6:45 PM at the Georgetown Library, unless noted. No meeting in December.

Thursday, February 18

Thursday, March 17

Thursday, April 21

Thursday, May 19 - watch for alternate location

Thursday, June 16 - watch for alternate location

Thursday, July 21

Thursday, August 18

Thursday, September 15

Thursday, October 20

Thursday, November 17

>> No meeting in December

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