

JENISON HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
September 19, 2019 Board Minutes

Present: Mike Timmer, Linda Droog, Ronnie Aungst, Ruth Lowing, Nellie DeLaat, Liz Timmer, Gene Kort, Ken Williams, Barb Semeyn, Yvonne Williams, Becky Steele.

Association/Museum Business

Meeting Agenda: Approved as presented with addition of October meeting and Year Books

August Minutes: Approved as written

Treasurer's Report: Approved as written

Acquisitions Report: Barb had no new items to report. Discussion followed related to some items that were on loan by Mr. Bartman who has recently passed away. Ruth and Yvonne will try to track down nearest living relative and try to address these items.

Museum Cleaning & Upkeep: Linda had the oval braided rug from basement landing dry cleaned and it was returned with some damage. The curtains in the 2nd floor bathroom should be replaced, and Linda will keep an eye out for something appropriate for the time period. Linda has been in contact with the director of the Muskegon Museums (Hackley Home) and will be asking for advice on the upkeep of our floors, woodwork and wood furniture. Yvonne also asked if we could question the safety of handling of asbestos iron plates that we have.

Maintenance Report: Mike has recently met with the exterminators again for our routine checks. Ron Cheyne is planning on covering for Mike while he is in Texas.

Township Representative's Report: Becky reported the board has approved the renovations on our entry way into Jenison off the I-196 expressway and also the corner at Cottonwood and Baldwin. There has also been recent discussion of 5G small cell towers in the area, but the local government does not have jurisdiction over them.

Curator/Historian's Report: Ken shared via picture

- Our new Local History Room located in the new library
- We have received a donation of an old library table which will be incorporated into the new room
- Our basement water problems are still an issue with heavy rainfalls
- Our grape arbor has one new plant which is growing but seems to have a bug problem
- The Gene and Ken Show is scheduled for October 1 at Sunset Manor
- The oral history tapes have been completely digitized by GVSU. Yvonne is now going thru them and noting names of people interviewed and subject matters.

Local History Room: Ronnie reported for Mary that work is continuing in the new room. We have 2 lateral files, shelving and will also have a map cabinet and 2 lap top computers. September 27 is planned for our moving day; we will need some help to bring items from the museum.

Fall Community Expo: Liz has confirmed it will be October 26 at the Grandville Middle School on Wilson. Ruth will be the contact person and will get the handout materials printed. Linda will collate the items and will man the table the day of the Expo. Nellie will get the candy and door prizes ready for pick up.

Christmas Decoration Date: November 9 at 9:30 has been agreed upon as our first date. Ronnie will contact the Boy Scouts again to ask for assistance in bringing down the boxes.

2020 Open House/Special Events Calendar: Liz presented two drafts of the Open House Calendar. In order for them to be printed for the Expo, the special events will be added later when dates are confirmed. Several corrections were suggested. Liz will continue to work with the senior center and library representatives on scheduling presentations of the Local History and River Boats & Landings. Library dates suggested were Tuesday April 14 and September 15 at 7pm. Attendance at the October Boat Ride will be monitored to determine when the boat ride will be held in 2020.

October Boat Ride: Ronnie will be our contact person and does have tickets available for sale tonight. Liz encouraged everyone to push for sales of the upcoming boat ride. Mike will assist with advertising online.

Upcoming Elections: Elections are due in October.

Other Business

October Meeting: The library will be closed at the time of our next meeting because of the move into the new building, Ken will check on availability of using the Rosewood Church.

Year Books: Linda questioned if we might be interested in contacting the High School in regard to either purchasing new/past year books or see if the school might be open to donating books to the local history room. Further discussion followed regarding the Jenison School collection by Kathy Headley. We cannot find any paperwork on them. Barb will contact Ms. Headley about donating her Jenison School collection so it can be included in the Local History Room.

Visitors for the month of August were 25