Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society

Trustees Meeting

June 26, 2017

Present: Perry Howland, Dottie Howland, Nan Hance, Lenore Youngman, Irene Bierer, Sandy Zeman, Jim McCaig, Jackie Walker, Lorraine Lewis, Lynda Parmelee

Called to order-6:59pm

Minutes of The May 22 meeting approved as read. Irene/Lorraine

Mail/Communications-none

Officers:

 Treasurer-Checking-$6841.00 $10,000 has been moved to savings. Got an extension of filing federal taxes.

 Corresponding Sec-none

 Recording Sec.- none

 V.P. –New member reception on June 11th was well attended and received favorable feedback. There was interest expressed in having more of these informal gatherings. 36 members attended. Raffle tickets-518 have been sold on line plus more in paper form. Phone messages-a traveler from Indiana was interested in doing a video of Gates Hall but board approval for the expense could not be gotten in time. Possible discretionary fund set up to cover future opportunities. A Canadian visitor would like a tour of the area with special emphasis on the War of 1812. He will visit in the fall.

Committees-

**Membership**:2016: 76 individual memberships and 8 business. 2017: 91 individual memberships and 26 businesses. Jim/Kathy suggested we have a drawing from our current membership for a raffle ticket—Approved. Please submit other member reward ideas to Jackie.

**Home Tour**-The booklet is being edited by Kathy D’Amanda for printing in early August. Sponsorships raised $2000. The booklet will cost about $1000 and flowers $450 so those expenses are covered. Lorraine Lewis has been doing PR. Quarter sheets and posters were passed out. There will be a reception on Sept. 7th for homeowners and volunteers at Young-Sommer. Perry will give a talk at 9:45am and 1pm on the day of the tour, followed by a Gatesinger performance. The Methodist church will have organ music and the Reformed church will play the carillon. Aiming toward 400-500 tickets sold.

**PR**- Facebook page has had 300+ likes this month. Lots of interest in the Home Tour. Good response to pictures posted. Pictures of the car show from Homecoming may attract more men to the website. House Tour info has been sent to other historical societies. The air conditioners have been sold for $35 total.

**Programs**- August 2nd picnic at the Reformed church with Burned Over District re-enactors. August 16th at GH Jerry Muhl will speak on the Millerites. Thanks to all who took part in the Suffrage program.

**Exhibits**-Suggested we revive the exhibits committee. Need another 5 year plan of ideas to focus on. Need to address how exhibits are chosen and what criteria to use. Continue to promote open and honest communication amongst the board members.

**Property/Grounds**-Grounds crew continues to meet. The house is open for visitors. Exhibits for GH and at the house are being finalized. The new signs at Gates Hall are either installed or will be soon. Still waiting for a report from Bero Architecture re. GH. Christine Worth is preparing a promotional piece to be on the Peace Garden Facebook page. Chris DeNagel installed additional emergency lights in the basement of GH.

**Newsletter-** will be out soon and will have Homecoming schedule.

**Book**-still being edited.

**Archives**- finished the book audit-the book Military History of Wayne County is missing. Some shelves have been cleared for new accessions.

**Homecoming**- Waiting on an e-mail from Pam Helming about being involved in the parade and GH sign dedications. Brochures and quarter sheets passed out.

Adjourned 8:33pm Irene/Jim

Respectfully submitted,

Lynda Parmelee