

**Williamson–Pultneyville Historical Society
Meeting Minutes
Monday March 4, 2019 7pm-8:45pm
W-PHS House**

Call to Order The meeting was call to order at 7 pm by Nan Hance, President

Roll Call of Officers and Standing Committee Chairs – Recording Secretary

Present: Nan Hance- President, Debbie Parts-Treasurer, Sue Jane Evans- Exhibits Chair, Jim McCaig, Kathy McCaig-Membership Co-Chairs, Sandy Zeman-Communications Chair and Grants, Charlotte Buehler- Communications Committee member (Face Book), Peter Evans (Wayne County Historian), Dottie Howland- Program Chair, Jackie Walker- Recording Secretary, David Frohlich-Property, Chair Lenore Youngman- Collections Management Chair

Absent: Perry Howland-Ex Officio Trustee, Linda Perkins-Corresponding Secretary

Guest: John L’Hommedieu (Gatesinger President)

Acceptance of Minutes from January 28, 2019 Board Meeting

The minutes of the January 28, 2019, having been previously distributed, were unanimously accepted with one correction (to delete a duplicate entry-Nan Hance was listed twice as being present) on a motion by Jackie and second by second by Lenore.

Correspondence – Corresponding Secretary

No report submitted. **Next Step:** Nan requested a thank you be sent to John Garlock, Dave Frohlich, Sue Jane Evans and Craig DeNagel for their assistance in resolving a situation of freezing pipes in Gates Hall after the thermostat had been accidentally set to the wrong level.

Reports of Officers

President – Nan Hance reported on 3 calls received. She distributed a flyer which related to Community Awareness Days, a fundraiser to benefit Newark-Wayne Community Hospital. We could apply to set up table of information re: the Society. This will be held May 18 in conjunction with the Next to New Sale which will be held May 17 12-6pm, May 18 10am-5pm and May 19 10-2pm.

Homecoming meeting was very productive. Solicitations made for open air market, town insurance notification completed, solicitations for 5k race and quilt show.

Pomeroy Foundation grant submitted for MANY conference on April 7.

The Gatesinger use agreement expires July 1st and we need to give notice 90 in advance of the expiration date. **Next Step:** Working with John L’Hommedieu and Dave Frohlich to construct a new agreement.

Vice-President - Cheryl Kline reported search is underway for grants and is reviewing past fundraising noting the community needs to be involved in the effort.

Treasurer- Debbie Parts reported that financials were sent by email (to all Board members), reviewed current balances in accounts and bills paid. She noted an IRS determination letter from September 1991 referenced a 501c4 and questioned if we were a 501c3 organization. Jackie noted we were. After the name change Jackie noted the name was not changed with the IRS. Debbie noted form 990s have been submitted to the IRS. **Next Step: Debbie and Jackie will verify 501c3 status and Debbie will contact IRS re: name change.**

Corresponding Secretary -no report, see above for next step

Ex Officio Trustee - Perry Howland, Town Historian, absent report submitted by email. The following is a synopsis of the report:

- ✓ Planning to use selected materials (from meeting with Sue Jane and other W-PHS members who compiled materials) re: slavery, abolition, and underground railroad to prepare a talk for Williamson Senior Citizens on April 3.
- ✓ Met with Sue Jane and Amy to brain storm ideas for exhibits.
- ✓ Typing up “Random Thoughts” articles published in Williamson Sun authored by Alice Gallup 1975-1979 with intent to compile a book
- ✓ Attended Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration in Lyons January 21, WHO meeting February 7, and gathering of local, municipal and county historians at SUNY Geneseo February 16 arranged by Dr. Michael Oberg. The goals of the meeting were to alert this group to student availability and interest in working with these groups.
- ✓ With other historians, working to contribute Williamson historic sites to a Wayne County Historic sites data base project. So far, there are 66 identified sites in Williamson.
- ✓ Participated in inaugural Wayne County Bicentennial (1823-2023) planning meeting and plan to serve on subcommittee once the planning committee is operational
- ✓ Continuing to clip obituaries and other items from newspapers and publications dealing with Williamson.

Reports of Standing Committee Chairs

Nominating - Cheryl Kline. No report

Membership - Jim and Kathy McCaig. There are 115 individual and 37 business members -total 152.

Finance - Debbie Parts see treasurer’s report.

Collections Management-Lenore Youngman reported a melodeon (dated approximately 1857) was accepted to the education collection. **Next Step: Lenore needs to find a truck and 2 helpers to move it to the Society.** A painting over 100 yrs. old by Kenneth Orbaker, a soldier in WWI, has been accepted in the permanent collection and is being evaluated for restoration.

Communications and Grants - Sandy Zeman reported that she may have a source for restoration of the painting. **Next Step: She will meet with the Collections Committee re: grant source.** A grant from the Hoffman Foundation for \$900 has been received for trolley restoration. **Next step: identify a person (s) to do the restoration.** A handout was distributed describing Facebook postings. Postings have resulted in increased site visits and at least one membership.

The next Committee meeting is tomorrow.

Exhibits - Sue Jane Evans reported she attended the meeting February 16 at SUNY Geneseo as referenced in Perry's report above.

Programs - Dottie Howland encouraged members to attend the March program at the Dawes residence (Golden Books Illustrator).

Property – Dave reported:

- ✓ Electrical circuits have been identified in the house
- ✓ Gates Hall thermostat was accidentally turned to cooling resulting in no circulation and freezing pipes. There was no damage. John Garlock, Dave Frohlich, Sue Jane Evans and Craig DeNagel assisted in resolving the situation. Betlem responded with a service call. He recommended the thermostat be replaced. He recommended anti-freeze be put into pipes (\$565.50) and Betlem placed on an annual service contract (\$468 per yr) for both buildings. Motion by Dave, second by Jackie, that Betlem place anti-freeze in pipes at Gates Hall. Unanimous. Motion by Dave, second by Lenore, that Betlem be placed on an annual service contract for both buildings. Unanimous.
- ✓ Final engineering plans for Gates Hall have been received. Waiting for contractor estimate (Randy) which is anticipated in mid-March.
- ✓ Gatesingers use agreement is being evaluated and new agreement being drafted (see report from President)
- ✓ John L'Hommedieu (Gatesingers, President) provided comments which focused on his background and his willingness to work positively and collaboratively with the Society. He is willing to attend our Board meetings as necessary.

Unfinished Business

Jamie will set up emails for those who wish it when she returns from vacation.

Goals (see January 28 minutes) were accepted with no objections.

New Business

Day of Caring is May 9, 2019. Next Step: Contact Patrick Verbridge at school for high school students who may need community service.

Other

Communication protocol- When communicating with others outside Society refer business to President or committee chairs as appropriate.

4th grade walking tours will be week of June 10th Next meeting is March 11th.

Cemetery tour date is changed to October 18,19. **Next Step: Amy to revised dates on web site.**

Oral Histories- no plan for further transcriptions of oral histories.

Historic District-Betty Jenkins presented information about Historic District Tax Incentive Initiatives at the WHO meeting and it was well received. Some discussion ensued re: our historic district and if structures or areas could be added. Next step: **Nan will pursue answers to questions about the historic district.**

Volunteers- **Next step: All give Gail Grinnell information about who your volunteers are.**

Gift Shop- **Next step: Give Nan of any name person who may be interested.**

Summary Next Steps- Summarized by Recording Secretary

Next Board Meeting:

Monday, April 22, 7pm W-PHS House

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:45pm on a motion by Lenore, second by Cheryl with all in agreement.

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Walker, Recording Secretary
3/10/19
Reviewed by Nan Hance 4/2/10