

JENISON HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

November 21, 2019 Board Minutes

Present: Barb Semeyn, Gene Kort, Ken Williams, Yvonne Williams, Ruth Lowing, Ronnie Aungst, Linda Droog, Becky Steele

Association/Museum Business

November Agenda: Approved as presented with the addition of “Future Organization” added to Other Business

October Minutes: Reviewed and approved as written

Treasurer’s Report: Reviewed and approved as written

2020 Historical Board Nominations: Ken has confirmed with all those presently in office that they are willing to continue in their rolls. Floor opened for additional nominations. Motion to accept for re-election as Board Members (Liz Timmer, Nellie DeLaat, Mike Timmer and Gene Kort) was received and seconded. Motion passed. Association Jobs will be discussed and clarified at next meeting.

Acquisition’s Report: Donations from Deb LaMeare have been received. A picture frame with 4 old photos of Holland, Black Lake Steamer, Hotel and train depot, “In Memoriam” booklet of Lucus Jenison and an 1894 walking cane with “L J” engraved in it. Also a “Newhouse” abstract came in as a loan.

Cleaning and Upkeep of Museum: Linda reported that all Christmas décor boxes have been returned to the attic and the house is once again in good shape for the coming holiday open houses.

Maintenance Report: Ken reported that the eaves trough above the second-floor front porch will need to be unplugged and there was also an alarm on Saturday, but he could not find a cause why it happened.

Township Representative’s Report: Becky reported that the big news is the opening of the new library. The Oct. Board Meeting was very light. Discussion was on the progress of the beautification projects and sidewalks on 40th and 48th.

Curator/Historian’s Report: Ken shared via photos

- He received questions from a James Garfield related to the home of Thomas Garfield which burned down several years ago. Ken was able to google search it and did find an old picture.
- Peppino’s Pizza has four of our historical pictures now on display in their place of business.
- Community Expo in Grandville – attendance was down this year.
- Boy Scouts assisted with bringing down all our Christmas décor boxes and will return on Jan 18 at 10am to assist in returning them to the attic. They are so appreciated.
- Home School Tour was hosted by Ken, Gene and Yvonne.
- Cast Iron Pipe in the basement has a crack that Ken has patched with some Flex seal tape. Also done in the attic, same pipe.

Local History Room: Ronnie reviewed notes from Mary. The materials have all been transferred and filed. Mary and Ronnie have put in many hours, along with Ken and Yvonne helping, the room is ready for our opening. We are still waiting for a file cabinet for our genealogy files and new computers which

will be connect to Ancestry.com. Ronnie and Mary have volunteered to staff the room on Fridays 11-3pm and it will be opened by appointment.

- Library Tree Lighting ceremony is set for Dec. 5 from 6-8. We will officially open our Local History Room that night. All members are encouraged to come out for it.

Oral History Project: Yvonne will continue working on indexing the tapes that have been digitized. Becky is also willing to work with the Tech Programming of them.

Christmas Decorations: Barb reported that the house is ready for our Holiday Open Houses on Dec. 7 and Jan. 4.

- On Dec. 14 we have a possible tour with the Zeeland Historical group at 3 pm.

March 3, 2020: will begin our next featured topic at the museum, "History of the Library". Research continues.

Other Business

Future Organization: Yvonne suggested that we should plan on doing some organizational projects over the winter months. Her suggestion was to start with the closet in the Turret bedroom. Barb and Ruth volunteered to assist, and they could document items at the same time.

Attendance at our Open Houses and private tours from Aug thru Nov. totaled 57.