

Firelands Historical Society

February 15, 2017

Officers: Trustees

P Pat Mak, Pres P Anna Bristol P Chris Hipp  
P Dan Rood, VP Huron Co. P Matthew Burr E Bill Knadler  
P Kathy Olak, VP Erie Co. P Roger Dickman P John Schumm  
P Mary Carabin, Sec. P Fred Downey P DeEtte Zimmerman  
E John Elmlinger, Treas P Chris Harlan

The February meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Firelands Historical Society was brought to order by President Pat Mak in the Research Library after the general membership meeting. A motion was made by DeEtte Zimmerman to accept the minutes as E-mailed. John Schumm seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Treasurer's report which was E-mailed prior to the meeting showed a balance of \$32, 240.51 as of January 31. John Elmlinger, treasurer, reported that on March 1, 2017, we will be audited by the Bureau of Workman's Compensation.

Old Business:

John Schumm reported on the progression of plans for the Platt and Sally Benedict event to be held on April 22 at 7 p.m.

Matt Burr reported that he purchased, with Mr. Black's consent, a Native American collection from the Willard area for \$700 and it will be called the A. Davis collection. Beth Sage will be starting next Monday to paint the Native American mural. Matt also reported that he drove to Bowling Green and was able to make contact with the company that makes the Life Forms. They will send him a price list shortly.

The leak on the Laning-Young roof was patched by Dan Yoder Home Improvement Co. The cost was \$875.00. We will now need to obtain entire roof replacement quotes.

A place for our annual banquet was again discussed. The Elk's was contacted but their user fee was deemed too high. It was decided to again contact St. Alphonsus to ask if they would be willing to prepare the dinner for us.

The subject of the Vice President for Erie County was again discussed. After discussion, Chris Harlan made a motion to proceed with making a change to the wording concerning the area in which the Vice Presidents reside.

Dan Rood seconded the motion. Motion carried. The proposed Amendment to the Constitution will re-word the current Article IV, Section 2 E of the Constitution and will read as follows: There shall be two Vice-Presidents of the Firelands Historical Society: a First Vice-President and a Second Vice President. In the absence of the President, the First Vice-President shall act in his or her place. In the absence of the President and First Vice-President, the Second Vice-President shall assume the duties. The Vice-Presidents' role shall be to seek and encourage new membership and to work on special projects and marketing. This proposed amendment will be sent by E-Mail and by letter to all officers and board members. The proposed amendment will be voted upon at the April 19th meeting.

New Business:

We have been contacted that the profits from the Lion's Club raffle this year will be donated to the Firelands Historical Society. We are being asked to sell tickets for the event.

Mary Carabin reported that the cement wall near the overhead door on the LY property has a large crack which will soon need to be fixed.

Roger Dickman introduced a discussion concerning term limits for board members.

Curator Report

Anna Bristol is helping me with the Platt & Sally Benedict display in the museum. The farm and industry display area is receiving a small change by reducing some of the clutter, by placing duplicates in storage, and with an addition of a few new items. Also, some of the meeting room wall hangings are being updated.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Carabin  
Secretary