

## FHS Minutes

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Here are the Jan minutes. See you at the February meeting next Wednesday, Feb 15. Mary

Firelands Historical Society  
January 18, 2017

### Officers:

P Pat Mak, Pres  
P Dan Rood, VP Huron Co.  
E Kathy Olak, VP Erie Co.  
P Mary Carabin, Sec.  
E John Elmlinger, Treas

### Trustees

P Anna Bristol P Chris Hipp  
P Matthew Burr P Bill Knadler  
P Roger Dickman P John Schumm  
A Fred Downey P DeEtte Zimmerman  
P Chris Harlan

The January meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Firelands Historical Society was brought to order by Pat Mak in the Research Library at 7 p.m. A motion was made by John Schumm to accept the minutes as E-mailed. Chris Harlan seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Treasurer's report which was E-mailed prior to the meeting showed a balance of \$30, 656.65 as of December 31.

Pat Mak reported that a letter was received from law office of Freeman and Freeman that Elaine Mellott had named us in her will. The amount we will receive is unknown at this time.

### Old Business:

Chris Harlan gave the final report concerning the removal of the Midway building and the utilities that were connected to the building. There maybe an additional \$3,300 expense added to the final quote to demolish the building, as the depth of the concrete in a section of the building was much deeper and difficult to remove. In the spring, when the area is seeded Mr. Jenkins will bill us for the additional work.

Roger Dickman reported that he had called Flickinger Insurance to take the Midway Building off of our insurance.

Matt Burr reported that Beth Sage plans to paint the mural starting in February. He also suggested perhaps hiring an intern to help catalog all the new artifacts that have been donated.

John Schumm reported on the progression of plans for the Platt and Sally Benedict program in April.

### New Business:

It was just recently noted that we have a roof leak which is dripping into the meeting room, near the area where the tree hung over the roof. Also, the back door is also showing problems with leakage. A roofer will be contacted.

What will we do about the position of Erie Co. Vice President. Is it really needed?

Place for our annual May dinner. The Methodist Church ladies were contacted to see if they would be available to serve the dinner. The date would have to be changed to Thursday and their would be a \$50 room charge. After discussion, it was decided to contact Elks Lodge to inquire if they could provide the dinner. DeEtte Zimmerman was asked to contact them.

#### **Curator Report**

A new display is being planned for the upstairs large case.  
Would like to see new lighting in one of the upstairs display cases.

#### **Plans for the New Year**

Idea of swapping land with Mr. O'Brien. This would give him a parking area for his house and give us the land behind his house. John Schumm made a motion to proceed with this plan. Roger Dickman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The length of hours and days the museum is open was discussed. The main problem at this time is to find people willing to be docents. No change of action was taken at this time.

Should we continue to give free open house tours? It was suggested to try to obtain a sponsor to help defray the cost of any community open house.

#### **Projects**

The back of the Laning -Young building needs to be painted and also the overhead door. Chris Hipp offered to do the painting.

Re-arrange areas in the Laning Young library wall area by door and farm area. Have the Harley piano looked at for possible ability to actually play it.

Ideas for the 4th July parade float – covered wagon?

Have a new larger sign made for the museum and also one for our new land area behind the Laning-Young building. Perhaps a grant request.

Purchasing a security system for inside of the museum. Possibly a grant request.

#### **Events**

Jordon Horowitz is planning a children's event using metal detectors to find objects. Matt Burr offered to help with the event.

#### **Fund Raising**

Possibly asking the New London quilters to make a quilt for the Historical Society with the squares being purchased from Norwalk businesses.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Carabin  
Secretary