

Jenison Historical Association

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Our mission is to learn about Jenison history, obtain artifacts relating to its history, and maintain the Jenison Historical Museum as a place to share and display our heritage.

NOTE TO MEMBERS:

Beginning this month we are changing the newsletter format and going back to sending out just the minutes, treasurers report and other members only news. Once a quarter we will publish an expanded newsletter with stories that will also go out to a broader group of followers who have requested updates via email.

MINUTES OF THE JENISON HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION MEETING MAY 17, 2012

Present: Steve Sanders, Nellie DeLaat, Ruth Lowing, Yvonne Williams, Ken Williams, Cordy Crawford, Barb Semeyn, Tim Boelema, Mike Timmer, Joyce Klawiter, Linda Droog, Liz Timmer

Association business

Review April minutes: Barb made a motion to accept the minutes approved as written; Linda seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Nellie made motion to accept the Treasurer's Report; Barb seconded. Motion passed.

Christmas Ornament Details: Ruth presented 3 options for the ornament. It was decided to go with the flat design. Ruth will contact the vendor for the final design. Once the design is approved, 250 ornaments will be ordered. They will be sold for \$15 each. The plan is to have them available at the boat ride. The total cost of the ornaments will be \$2,015.00. If all 250 are sold, a profit of \$1,485 would be realized.

June Meeting Location: It was confirmed that the June meeting will be at the Library.

Topographical model: A member of the community, Kevin Quist, contacted us about make a topographic model of the area in the early 1800's. Ken will arrange to meet with him.

Township Representative Report: Steve reported that bids are due soon for the demolition of the church and houses on Main Street. Because of tenant leases, bids for the demolition of the school will be accepted at a later date. Steve also shared that the Grandville/Jenison Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a street dance on Cottonwood between Meijer and the strip mall where the dollar store is at a date to be determined.

Museum Business:

Maintenance report: Mike reported that the Township will pay for the water/sump pump. Mike will install. This should help with any flooding in the event of a power outage.

June Open House: It was suggested to post the open house information of the grnow.com webpage. Liz will look into this.

July Open House -- Boat Ride: We still have a number of tickets to sell.

Special Business

Docent Appreciation and Training: Ken gave a presentation to provide historical information to those present.

Jenison Historical Association Treasurers Report 5/12/12 thru 6/18/12

Date	Account	Num	Transaction	Memo	Category	Amount
Macatawa Bank - CHECKING BEGINNING BALANCE						\$2,260.18
5/17/12	Checking	1196	Mike Timmer	Repair of Boynton picture glass	Repairs	(\$10.43)
5/17/12	Checking	1197	Ken Williams	Restoration of Lucius/Lumen print	Repairs:Restoration Projects	(\$64.66)
				3-Bend in the River Book purchas	Books	(\$22.50)
6/16/12	Checking	1198	US Postmaster	PO Box-1 year	Postage:PO Box	(\$52.00)
6/18/12	Checking	Deposit		5/1 Open House	Donations:Open House	\$12.00
				5/1 Book Sale	Books	\$10.00
				5/4 Rosewood Elem	Donations:School Tours	\$30.00
				5/11 Pinewood Elem	Donations:School Tours	\$30.00
				5/12 Open House	Donations:Open House	\$14.00
				5/18 Bursley	Donations:School Tours	\$32.00
				5/23 Bauerwood	Donations:School Tours	\$45.00
				5/26 Private Tour	Donations:Private Tours	\$26.00
				5/30 Private Tour-Red Hats	Donations:Private Tours	\$34.00
				5/25 Puppet Show	Donations:Restoration Projects	\$25.00
				6/16 Open House	Donations:Open House	\$20.00
				6/16 Print Sale	Prints	\$10.00
					Interest Income	\$0.00
					Activity for report period	\$138.41
CHECKING ENDING BALANCE						\$2,398.59
2010 Retained Earnings						\$2,577.03
					Total Income 2011	\$1,907.70
					Total Expenses 2011	(\$2,273.26)
2011 Retained Earnings						\$2,211.47
					Total Income 2012	\$933.00
					Total Expenses 2012	(\$745.88)
Cash on Hand						\$2,398.59
				Unpaid Dues	Receivables	\$25.00
				Restoration Project		(\$39.66)
Total Equity 5/12/12						\$2,383.93
SPECIAL FUND-RESTORATION PROJECT-BEGINNING BALANCE						\$0.00
				5/25 Puppet Show	Donations:Restoration Projects	\$25.00
				Restoration of Lucius/Lumen print	Repairs:Restoration Projects	(\$64.66)
SPECIAL FUND-RESTORATION PROJECT-ENDING BALANCE (THIS PERIOD)						(\$39.66)

JHA Fundraising

Ornament Sale!!

The Association would like your help in getting the word out and assisting in selling our 1st Annual Collectable Ornament..

We hope that these ornaments will become a yearly 'must have' by residents and past residents of the Georgetown area.

You will find an artists drawing the the ornament on the next page of this newsletter.

The ornaments arrive in Mid-July (hopefully in time to sell them on the Riverboat) and we are taking pre-orders. We have ordered a limited supply, so be sure to get yours.

The price is \$15, they come in a nice gift box so you can give them as gifts.

You can download an order form at www.jenisonhistory.org or reach out to any board member for an order form.

Museum Happenings

July. Tickets available for the Riverboat ride in July. Come to the Board Meeting, Open House, or call Liz Timmer (457-3708) to reserve your tickets. Tickets are \$10.

Watch the calendar on the web for other upcoming events.

We look forward to seeing you, and if you would like to volunteer to help at any of these events, please contact the museum at 457-4398 or email us at info@jenisonhistory.org.

JHA Board Opportunities:

There are current openings on

the JHA Board. Would you consider volunteering a few hours a month to maintenance of the museum and learning about and preserving our Jenison heritage? Please contact a board member or send an email to info@jenisonhistory.org.

Volunteer Opportunities!!

Museum Cleaning: This is a big job, as you can well imagine, that needs constant attention in order to have the museum look it's best during the open houses. Contact any board member or call the museum, if you can lend a few hours.

Tour Guides: The school tours are a great way of teaching the children about our history and is such a rewarding experience. You won't regret being a part of this experience

for our local children. Joyce Klawiter (457-9018) would love to hear from you.

Community Displays: An initiative is to get some displays out into the community, possible to local banks, schools and businesses. What better way to get awareness out into the community than to bring the museum to them. Grayce Lancaster is heading up this project. She would welcome any help you might be able to offer

from finding the locations to picking display material and setting up the displays.

And the list goes on... Monthly Open Houses, Theme's for Open Houses, Inventory, Museum Maintenance, board trustee.

You can come to a monthly meeting or reach out to any board member if you would like to volunteer in any particular area.

Restorations Needed

The picture shown is but one of the pictures that JHA is looking to restore. This picture is of President Garfield and his family. He came to our area to visit his brother, Thomas, who lived in Jamestown, one account says his last visit was 3 years before he was assassination in 1881. This picture of Garfield and his family, is showing signs of deterioration which can still be stopped, but the price is upwards of \$600 for just this one picture.



JHA is starting a drive to build a restoration fund with the donations earmarked for just such projects. Would you be willing to donate to help restore this picture and others in need of repair?

Come to the next open house to learn more, or you can send your donation to PO Box 664, Jenison MI 49429 and mark it for the Restoration Fund.

Order yours today!!!!



Find us on Facebook at Jenison History Association and become a friend.

JHA TRUSTEE'S

Chair

Liz Timmer (13)
457-3708

Vice Chair/Curator

Ken Williams (14)
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Ruth Lowing (14)
896-1447

Social Secretary

Nellie DeLaat (13)
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Bev Potter (13)
308-4490

Tours/Co-Archivist

Joyce Klawiter (12)
457-9018

Co-Archivist

Barb Semeyn (14)
457-9343

Maintenance/Historian

Mike Timmer (13)
531-1218

Trustee

Yvonne Williams (14)
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Township Rep

Steve Sanders

(##) = year of re-election to the board

Contact Information: Members may contact the board at the above phone numbers or leave a message at 457-4398 or info@jenisonhistory.org

Historical Association of Michigan

Find us on the registry of the Historical Society of Michigan
www.hsmichigan.org



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2012 Meeting Schedule

Thursday, June 21 -Georgetown Library
Thursday, July 19 - Georgetown Library
Thursday, August 16 - Rosewood Ref. Church
Thursday, September 20 - Rosewood Ref. Church
Thursday, October 18 - Georgetown Library
Thursday, November 15 - Georgetown Library

No Meeting in December, 2011

All meetings begin at 6:45 PM unless noted

2012 Museum Open House Schedule

July 14	12-2 PM Riverboat Ride
	2:30-4 Museum Open house
September 8	2-4 PM Jenison Public Schools memorabilia/yearbook party
October 13	2-4 PM
December 8	1-4 PM Holiday Open House
January 12 2013	2-4 PM 2nd Holiday Open House
1st Tuesday of the month April thru November	10 AM - Noon

Call to volunteer your time at the open houses