

Jenison Historical Association

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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.

MINUTES OF THE JENISON HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION MEETING AUGUST 16, 2012

Present: Linda Droog, Mike Timmer, Ruth Lowing, Barb Semeyn, Nellie DeLaat, Liz Timmer, Yvonne Williams, Steve Sanders, Bev Potter, Wendy Batchelder (guest)

Association business

Review July minutes: Approved with corrections which were mainly name spellings and clarification to the Historian's Report.

Treasurer's Report: Approved as written.

Historian's Report:

- Special tours: Travis from Bauerwood (2); Jenison Family from Oregon (4); first Tuesday in August Open House (12)
- It appears that the Garden Club has not been to the museum this summer
- Took our ad off the Grand Valley list as Cordy is working 2 hours a week and plans to continue
- Returned papers to joint archives for school records
- Dave Tietsma (771-7-018) from Chase Bank called about a file with pictures from the Union Bank opening. The box was in files – perhaps from National Bank of Detroit who moved from the Union Bank building many years ago. When Bank of Detroit left, they called about the framed pictures we have upstairs at the museum. Many of them were donated by the Tiffany family to the bank. Barb is reviewing.
- Displays: The back parlor is ready for the Jenison Public Schools display. The new Grand River display is started in the Mural room. The 4x8 panel is ready in the basement.

Township Representative's Report:

- Steve's last meeting will be in November
- Budget: We are still in the Township budget with the same amount allocated as last year
- Reminded us about Street Dance
- Not sure who will be the Township Board's representative to the Historical Association

Loaned Artifacts Policy (Third reading): Bev made a motion to approve this policy; seconded by Ruth. Policy approved.

Marketing: Liz distributed a list of area businesses in Jenison, Grandville and Hudsonville who will put up our flyers. Members were encouraged to help distribute information to these locations when needed. They were also asked to let Liz know of other locations they are aware of.

Christmas Ornament Fundraiser: Ruth reported that 23 ornaments have been sold so far. Each ornament has a numbered removable sticker. There are ornaments at the museum along with a tracking form. If an ornament is sold, the sticker on the box should be removed and placed on the tracking form. Ruth has compiled a sales kit with posters and order forms. Members will be asked to help with flyer distribution.

Past Perfect Software: The cost of this software is \$1,269. Coopersville uses this software program. Steve will check with the Board about covering this cost.

Wendy Batchelder presentations: Wendy works in the Education Department at the Grand Rapids Public Museum. She will do the following presentations at the Jenison Museum. Members will help distribute flyers.

August 31: Civil War Group

September 29 @ 1p.m.: Open to the public; 90 minutes; limited to 20 people

Docents list: Yvonne will compile a master list of docents. Nellie will get the list she uses to schedule workers at open houses to Yvonne.

Museum Business:

Maintenance report: Mike reported that the woodchuck was captured and released at a location far away from the museum. Not much else to report.

Cleaning: Yvonne will bring a plan to the September meeting.

Curtains in Master bedroom: Bev will research appropriate curtain style. Linda volunteered to make the curtains.

September Open House: Ken and Mike are meeting with Kathy Headley on August 21 to determine what information will be displayed at the open house. Liz will send an email to the superintendent of Jenison schools and the high school athletic director.

Other Business:

Mike brought a table cloth from a friend of his sister. Before accepting this donation, Mike will check into the history of it and report at the September meeting.

TREASURERS REPORT OF THE JENISON HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION AUGUST 2012

**Jenison Historical Association
Treasurers Report 8/13/12 thru 9/16/12**

Date	Account	Num	Transaction	Memo	Category	Amount
Macatawa Bank - CHECKING BEGINNING BALANCE						\$1,252.25
8/16/12	Checking	2003	Mike Timmer	Dehumidifier	Repairs	(\$190.79)
8/17/12		Deposit		Ornament Sales	Gift Store: Ornaments	\$90.00
				Bend in the River	Gift Store: Books	\$10.00
				Open House	Donations: Open House	\$20.00
				Special-Victorian Lady Program	Fundraising Income	\$70.00
9/1/12		2004	US Postmaster	Shipping Charges	Postage:Ornaments	(\$5.25)
9/8/12		Deposit		Jenison @ the Bend book	Gift Store: Books	\$4.00
				Postage	Postage:Ornaments	\$7.00
				Open House	Donation:Open House	\$29.00
				Special-Victorian Lady Program	Fundraising Income	\$150.00
				Payment to Wendy (Cash)	Fundraising Income	(\$100.00)
				Ornament Sales	Gift Store: Ornaments	\$60.00
9/17/12		Deposit		Bend in the River	Gift Store: Books	\$30.00
				Open House 9/4/12	Donation:Open House	\$10.00
				Open House 9/8/12	Donation:Open House	\$25.00
					Interest Income	\$0.00
					Activity for report period	\$208.96
CHECKING ENDING BALANCE						\$1,461.21
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						\$3,263.00
Total Expenses 2012						(\$4,013.26)
Cash on Hand						\$1,461.21
Unpaid Dues						\$10.00
Restoration Project						(\$39.66)
Total Equity						\$1,431.55
SPECIAL FUND-RESTORATION PROJECT-BEGINNING BALANCE						\$0.00
5/25 Puppet Show						\$25.00
Restoration of Lucius/Lumen print						(\$64.66)
SPECIAL FUND-RESTORATION PROJECT-ENDING BALANCE (THIS PERIOD)						(\$39.66)

JHA Fundraising

Help us get the word out about the one of a kind ornaments and Get yours before they are gone!!

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 arrived in Mid-July and are beginning to sell. Indications are that they will sell well. 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.

To get yours, you can download an order form at www.jenisonhistory.org, see any board member, stop by a meeting, or the museum during any open house.

Museum Happenings

.October Open House

If you can volunteer, please let a board member know.

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!!!!



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Bev Potter (13)
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Joyce Klawiter (12)
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Co-Archivist

Barb Semeyn (14)
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Maintenance/Historian

Mike Timmer (13)
531-1218

Trustee

Yvonne Williams (14)
772-6523

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, 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

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