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JENISON HISTORICAL
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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 MAY 17, 2012

Present: Nellie DeLaat, Ken Williams, Yvonne Williams, Barb Semeyn, Bev Potter, Linda Droog, Ruth Lowing, Steve Sanders, Mike Timmer

Association business

Review June minutes: Ken called the meeting to order since Liz could not attend. Mike moved to accept the minutes as presented and Barb seconded. Mr. DeBois was the man who lived where the houses were torn down and Yvonne thought that his name should be in the minutes.

The minutes were accepted as read. The ayes carried.

Treasurer's Report: We made about \$700 on the boat ride. \$,1000 is still owed on the Ornaments and \$150 on the insurance. Yvonne made the motion to accept the report as read and Linda seconded, the ayes carried.

Historian's Report:

- Ken made four copies of the Blissvelt Romance DVD. Two copies will be in the Georgetown Library and one copy will go to the Hudsonville Library. The original 16mm film is in storage.
- Ken also took some of the school records that were in the attic and had them put in cold storage in the joint archives.
- Ken was wondering if we are supposed to be charging sales tax. They are going to check into it.
- Ruth had paperwork from a class she took and that seems to read that there is no copyright protection on it. There will be further checking.
- Ken signed us up for a consortium about small museums.
- There has been a student studying Blended Landing and wanted to know if we had any information and Ken said not that has not already been published.
- Kuctche wants to go national and this is our territory and should bring us publicity.

Township Representative's Report:

- He showed the ornament at the last meeting before elections. It was well received.
- August 18 is the Street Dance and suggested that we have a booth, something, to sell ornaments. He is going to talk to Sandy (in charge of Dance) about ornament sales.
- There is still a tenant in the old school until September and so nothing more can be done until after September. It has still not been settled on what will be done with the church corner. There will be a water feature on the other corner with a sign Georgetown Township.

- Wednesday, Jul 25 there will be a debate presented by the Grandville-Jenison Chamber of Commerce, with questions for those running for elections.
- Target is leaving, and that would be a great building for senior, youth center, etc

Christmas Ornament Fundraiser: We need to figure out how we want to store the ornaments, inventory control, and marketing. Put some posters out on how to order the ornaments at various places around town. Maybe a display case on the front porch showing all the things we are trying to sell weather permitting. Maybe use the new display case. Or a moveable table type thing that could go from the front porch to the back parlor.

Loaned Artifacts Policy (Second reading)

1. Stays
2. Changed loaned item to item on loan to museum.
3. Physically secured
4. Stays
5. Item borrowed must be returned by due date and there must be an agreed on due date.
6. Add – if needed/as deemed necessary
7. As deemed necessary
8. Request should go to the curator and the archivist or one other person.

Museum Business:

Maintenance report:

- There were two Midstate calls this month.
- Soffit needs to be checked on front of house.
- There is a chemical smell on the front porch.

July Boat Ride & Open House report: The ride was great even though they got stuck for most of the ride because the river is so low. People came from the boat afterwards to the open house.

September Open House: Kathy Headely still hasn't gotten her items to Mike. Mike will call her.

Other Business:

Ruth went to Lansing for the photo seminar on how to care for old photos. She has a copy of Past Perfect DVD for Ken to play with. Can carry inventory, the whole program is \$700. Ruth also mentioned that we need to check into grants so we can afford this program. Never display originals, always copies. She said it was a very interesting class and she would like to go farther.

She also has a copy of a form for pictures given to us.

Wendy Batchalor on September 29 will present a new program – *Victorian Woman Inside Out*. Attendance is limited to 20 participants. Ken needs a motion for Wendy to use our facility on Saturday, September 29 from 1-4 p.m. Linda seconded. Refreshments will be served. Ayes carried. She also has ideas for other presentations.

Linda brought up the fact that there is a crack in the window on the west end of house on the porch. Mike will check it out.

Ken also found out that the CD Jenison on the Bend we have been selling does not work in new computers. Ken will check out what can be done to make it usable on any computer.

Ken reported on a USS LST 393 museum in Muskegon.

Ken asked for a motion to adjourn, Mike so motioned and Linda seconded.

TREASURERS REPORT OF THE JENISON HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION AUGUST 2012

Jenison Historical Association Treasurers Report 7/13/12 thru 8/13/12

Date	Account	Num	Transaction	Memo	Category	Amount
Macatawa Bank - CHECKING BEGINNING BALANCE						\$2,398.59
7/14/12	Checking	1199	Grand Lady Riverboat		Fundraising:Expense	(\$725.00)
7/17/12		Deposit	Deposit	Riverboat Tour	Fundraising: Income	\$1,430.00
				Ornament Sales	Gift Store: Ornaments	\$150.00
				Stationary Sales	Gift Store: Stationary	\$8.00
				Cash Donation	Donation	\$5.00
				Dues Della Braun	Membership Dues	\$10.00
				Dues:Thorval Hansen	Membership Dues	\$10.00
7/19/12		1200	Farm Bureau		Insurance:Liability	(\$155.00)
7/19/12		2001	Chem Art	Ornament Invoice	Fundraising Expense	(\$1,938.18)
7/19/12		2002	Ruth Lowing	Fat Cow Website Charges	Technology	(\$153.16)
8/13/12		Deposit	Deposit	Open House Donations-July	Donation: Open House	\$7.00
				Ornament Sales	Gift Store: Ornaments	\$195.00
				Bend in the River Book	Gift Store: Books	\$10.00
					Interest Income	\$0.00
					Activity for report period	(\$1,146.34)
CHECKING ENDING BALANCE						\$1,252.25
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						\$2,758.00
Total Expenses 2012						(\$3,717.22)
Cash on Hand						\$1,252.25
				Unpaid Dues	Receivables	\$10.00
				Restoration Project		(\$39.66)
Total Equity						\$1,222.59
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)

submitted by Ruth Lowing, Treasurer

JHA Fundraising

Ornaments have Arrived!! 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

.September Open House

Jenison School Memorabilia

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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Mike Timmer (13)
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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

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



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2012 Meeting Schedule

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

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