

JHA MEMBER NEWS

March 2013

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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.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 2013 MEMBERSHIP DUES?

MINUTES OF THE JENISON HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION MEETING FEBRUARY 17, 2013

.Present: Nellie DeLaat, Ruth Lowing, Ron Villerius, Linda Droog, Barb Semeyn, Liz Timmer, Mike Timmer, Gene Kort, Cordy Crawford

Association Business

Welcome: Ron Villerius had a JHS student with him, William Docsa, who was "job shadowing" for the day. Liz welcomed him to our meeting.

Review of January minutes: Mike made a motion to accept as written, seconded by Barb. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: It was discovered that the wrong monthly report was sent out. Ruth will send out a new amended report via email tomorrow and it will be reviewed at next month's meeting.

Historian's Report: Ken was not present because of his involvement with the Titanic Exhibit at the GR Public Museum tonight along with Yvonne and their grandson. He did drop off a written report which Liz reviewed.

- The display of Virginia Timmer will be moved to another location to make room for our summer projects.
- Mike has been working on 2 new display panels for our Jenison Families which will be featured monthly, and they will be located in the back parlor.
- Gift shop items have been moved back into the reception room area.
- Ken continues to make progress on the Heritage Trail map.

Township Representative's Report: The 200 Baldwin property site plans have been approved and will move forward this year. The Board has approved the idea of historical markers to be placed in designated areas also. Update on the Senior Center most likely will be voted on at the next election but at this time they are

leaning towards the site of the Library/Township Offices as an expanded site, with the possibility of some storage area for our museum artifacts. We are also able to obtain a desk top computer, at no cost, through the Township as all of theirs will be upgraded. Ron also suggested that we write a letter to the board, encouraging them to promote our association and our open houses through their newsletter and possible banners that will be displayed along Baldwin.

Acquisitions Report: Barb informed us of a bag of clothing that was donated with 18 articles in it. It has all been tagged and paperwork completed.

Grange Hall Report: Tim not present, no discussion.

Computer & Software: Specifics for our needs for a computer were sent to Dan Carlton and we can get a desk top computer by next Wednesday, February 27, that will meet our needs. Motion was made to proceed in purchasing "Past Perfect" computer software for \$1400 by Nellie and 2nd by Barb. Yvonne and Ruth will be responsible for handling this.

Master Plan: Review will be delayed until May because of schedule conflicts with Ken and Liz.

Museum Business

Maintenance Report: Mike has completed the 2 new display panels. Another security light is out and Yvonne noted we may need a new toilet seat in the downstairs bathroom. Mike will take care of this.

Cleaning: House needs Spring Cleaning before our March 16 Open House. Several volunteered to meet on Tuesday, March 5 at 9:30am.

Garfield Lithograph Restoration: Yvonne and a friend have been researching our picture and have found it to be an 1882 lithograph. They have located someone out of state that might be able to restore it. Liz has been in contact with her via email. Discussion followed regarding cost and using them versus Frames Unlimited which we had obtained a quote of \$600 for restoration. Discussion will continue at a later date.

March Open House: Ken and Mike are completing displays featuring the Andre and Bliss families. This area covers from our museum west on Port Sheldon to the Sunnybrook Country Club. They would like to have a video camera available to record any new stories that might come up at the open house. The April Open House will feature the Jenison and Beardsley families which are farther west to 12th Ave area on Port Sheldon.

Other Business: Mike brought in a picture of a metal crib that belonged to his mother's family, used by Virginia Timmer dated at least 1920's. A family member would like to donate it to the museum as well as an old baby basket/bassinet. Mike will try to further research it for more accurate dates.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:46pm

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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Ron Villerius

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

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2013 Meeting Schedule

Thursday, January 17 - Georgetown Library
Thursday, February 21 - Georgetown Library
Thursday, March 21 - Georgetown Library
Thursday, April 18 - Georgetown Library
Thursday, May 16 - TBD
Thursday, June 20 - Georgetown Library
Thursday, July 18, 2013 - Georgetown Library
Thursday, August 15 - Georgetown Library
Thursday, September 19, Georgetown Library
Thursday, October 17, Georgetown Library
Thursday, November 21 - Georgetown Library
No Meeting in December, 2013

All meetings begin at 6:45 PM unless noted

2013 Museum Open House Schedule

March 16, 2013	2-4 PM
April 20, 2013	2-4 PM
May 18, 2013	2-4 PM
June 15, 2013	2-4 PM
July 20, 2013	2:30-4 PM
September 21 2013	2-4 PM
October 19, 2013	2-4 PM
December 7, 2013	1-4 PM 2013 Holiday Open House

ALSO: 1st Tuesday of the month April thru November -
10 AM - Noon

Call to volunteer your time at the open houses