

JHA MEMBER NEWS

April 2015

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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.

SORRY FOR THE LATE NEWS, YOUR EDITOR WAS ON VACATION. CATCH US AT THE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE IN JENISON. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DRESS AND JOIN US ON THE FLOAT, PLEASE CALL LIZ TIMMER OR RUTH LOWING (NUMBERS LISTED ON PAGE 4)

MINUTES OF THE JENISON HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION MEETING APRIL 16, 2015

Present: Barb Semeyn, Ruth Lowing, Liz Timmer, Nellie DeLaat, Gene Kort, Mike Timmer, Linda Droog, Ronnie Aungst.

Association /Museum Business

Approve April Agenda: Motion carried to approve as written.

Review March Minutes: Motion made by Gene, seconded by Barb to approve as written with the following corrections. Add Sandy Wensink to those present and under the Historian Report, fifth item, it should read "the upper back porch railing is in need of repair and painting." Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Motion made by Mike and Barb to approve as written. Carried.

Historian/Curator's Report: Ken was not present. No Report.

Acquisitions Report: Barb reported she is caught up with the items in the office, the Cedar Crest Dairy Ledgers, a three piece period wedding dress and a book owned by Ben Hanchett.

Maintenance Report: In reference to the warped wood paneling in the entrance way, Mike made contact with Dave Strong . If the panels can be removed, he will refurbish them. The 'Dewey' pitcher's base has been repaired. Mike continues work on a display board for the basement.

Township Representative's Report: Ron was not present, no report.

Master Plan Update:

- ✓ Inventory –on going process.
- ✓ Time Line – no report

501 (c) (3): Liz reported it is ready to be submitted. The \$400 filing fee and our EIN # have been obtained. Liz will offer River Boat tickets to the lawyer and his assistant as a thank you gift for their help with the application process.

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Digitizing cassettes: Megan was not present but shared through Liz what had been checked out. Discussion followed. We need to add this into the Master Plan. Megan is researching several area businesses. It was the consensus of the board to do this locally rather than use an online company.

Association Sponsored Events:

- ✓ “Victorian Lady from the Inside Out” - Liz had nothing new to report
- ✓ Puppet Show – Liz is trying to schedule this for August.
- ✓ Memorial Day Parade – Application was completed with \$25 fee for the parade. Mike offered the use of his 5’ x 10’ trailer to use as a small float.

July Boat Ride Marketing: Liz will have the tickets at the next meeting as well as the fliers for distribution to the area businesses. It was suggested we revise that list.

May Meeting Program: The board will meet at 6pm for our business meeting prior to the 7pm public meeting at Rosewood Ref. Church. The plan is to show 3 films (Preserving History, Blissveldt Romance and the Interurban Picnic) as well as serve refreshments.

School Tours: Liz reported on Ken’s behalf and confirmed workers for the following school tours coming in on May 1, 14, 15 and 22. The tours will start at 9am. Ken also has scheduled a tour on April 25 with a group of “Daughters of the Civil War” They will have their business meeting in the parlor in the morning, leave for lunch and tour in the afternoon.

Future projects and funding: Liz will present a list at a future meeting based on past discussions. This list will be used as examples of what the group is working on in case donors ask.

Jenison Family Tree Research: Ronnie reported that letters have been sent out to known descendents of Harriet Jenison, asking for information and pictures. They are located in California and Washington State. Ronnie is also researching the 3 maids that worked at the Tiffany House.

April Open House: Ken was notified of seven re-enactors who have signed up to come to the Saturday Open House. There will be 4 military and 3 civilians arriving at 1:30pm.

Other Business

- There was a suggestion that we consider giving the Civil War Re-enactors an Honorarium. Liz will investigate.
- As a reminder, we have purchased pencils with the intention of presenting them to the school tours.

**Jenison Historical Association
Treasurers Report 4/14/15 thru 5/3/15**

Date	Num	Transaction	Memo	Category	Amount
Beginning Balance					\$5,771.40
4/16/15	2058	Internal Revenue Service	501c3 application fee	Misc	(\$400.00)
4/17/15	2059	Kenowa Ambucs	Memorial Day Parade application fee	Advertising	(\$25.00)
5/3/15	Deposit		Book Sales:Jenison Park	Gift Store: Books	\$28.00
				Donation	\$2.00
Activity for report period					(\$395.00)
Checking Account Balance					\$5,376.40
Petty Cash					\$50.00
	12/1/12				
Petty Cash Balance					\$50.00
ENDING Accounts BALANCE					\$5,426.40
2013 Retained Earnings					\$4,979.77
Total Income 2014					\$5,072.60
Total Expenses 2014					(\$4,538.94)
2014 Retained Earnings					\$5,513.43
Total Income 2015					\$506.00
Total Expenses 2015					(\$643.03)
Petty Cash Box					\$50.00
Cash on Hand					\$5,426.40
Receivables					\$0.00
Total Equity					\$5,426.40
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND-RESTORATION PROJECT-BEGINNING BALANCE January 2015					\$101.68
SPECIAL FUND-RESTORATION PROJECT-ENDING BALANCE (note, this balance is part of the total Cash on Hand above)					\$101.68

submitted by Ruth Lowing, Treasurer

Note: If any member is interested in working on any committee, much help is needed to keep the Association going. Please join an upcoming meeting, contact a board member, or email to info@jenisonhistory.org. if you have some time to commit. Help is most needed in publishing the newsletter, working open houses and many other area's.

May/June Open House

We will be highlighting John J Piers. He was the Unofficial Mayor for Jenison and General Manager for Ben Hanchett.

Restoration Fund

We are beginning to rebuild our restoration fund, while we watch for the next restoration project.

What's new at the Museum...

Stop and see some of the new acquisitions , such as... a humidior owned by Ben Hanchett, ledger books from the Cedar Crest Dairy..

Jenison Museum Souvenir's

Our newest souvenir in the Gift Shop is still available for sale. This year we are highlighting the Jenison Mill. We also have a few of our previous design from 2012 highlighting the Jenison Museum



Prices: New design \$15 each
 Previous design \$12 each
 Purchase one of each for \$25

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Township Rep

Ron Villerius

(##) = 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

Organization Membership in the Historical Association of Michigan

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



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2015 Meeting Schedule

Meetings are all open to the public and held on the **3rd Thursday** of the month at 6:45 PM at the Georgetown Library, unless noted. No meeting in December.

May, 21, 2015 (watch for alternate location)

June 18, 2015

July, 16, 2015

August, 20, 2015

September 17, 2015

October 15, 2015

November 19, 2015

All meetings begin at 6:45 PM unless noted

2015 Museum Open House Schedule

Saturday, Open House schedule

May 16, 2015

June 20, 2015

July 18, 2015 (2:30 PM - 4 PM, after the Riverboat cruise)

September 19, 2015

October 17, 2015

December 5, 2015

January 9, 2016

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