

Howard Historical Society Meeting May 25, 2021

Present: Alice & Ed Kropp, Wilma & Richard Stewart, Sondra Brown and Jean Willis. Donna McDaniel & Eric Hosmer send regrets

Called to order: 7:21 pm by President Alice Kropp

Secretary's report: minutes not available Treasurer's Report: [REDACTED]

Communications: Minutes from History Awareness Committee – History Awareness Week scheduled for Oct 5-9 at Finger Lakes Boating Museum, would like display of vintage cars at least 25 years old to be in parking lot across from museum – Richard may offer a car for this

Old Business: Richard and Wilma have not yet purchased items needed to add a shelf to the museum which was approved at a previous meeting. Old Home Day is being planned for September 11, Ed & Alice are assisting with advertising. Historical Society will provide free ice cream as in previous years. Sondra reported that the money for the cemetery grant to straighten stones which are so badly out of repair or dilapidated as to create a dangerous condition was from a fund of the state collected to pay for fixing damages from vandalism which people pay when someone is buried. Thirty stones have been straightened and 30 more are in the process of being straightened this year. This project is making the cemetery look better. We discussed, at a previous meeting, using an excel program to catalog our collection. Wilma will check with Donna about our computer to see if it will work for this project.

New Business: We discussed getting a video camera and items needed to record Harry Sharp responding to questions about history of Howard. General approval by the members present. However, it was tabled to be voted on at our next meeting. Richard working on getting the equipment. It can also be used to interview others who can give us accounts of history in varied parts of the town. Richard mentioned that he recently spoke with Brian Higgins, nephew of Zita Higgins Parker, and jotted down some Higgin family history for our file.  
8:15 pm Jean made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Richard.

NEXT MEETING: June 22, 2021

Respectfully submitted, Wilma Stewart