

Howard Historical Society

Meeting June 26, 2018 Annual Meeting and Program

Present: Richard Stewart - Vice-President, Mary Kenny, Alice & Ed Kropp, Sondra Brown, Sharon Margeson, Wilma Stewart, Sean Turner.

Richard (in the absence of the president) called the meeting to order at 7:58 pm, after the members present cleaned the three rooms of the museum.

Secretary's report: No report as the secretary was absent.

Correspondence: There was a bag of historic papers on the door knob from Sandy Guntner which included a letter from Rev Vallet dated 1959 amongst other items. Lucy received via email and forwarded to Wilma a flyer announcing the Steuben County History Awareness Week to be held Oct 1-Oct 7.

Treasurer's report: No report as treasurer was absent. \$20 was collected from Eric Hosmer, of South Woods Road, who joined as Life Member on May 10th[after a tour of the museum]. \$40 was collected from Sean Turner and Jen Slayton Turner Who joined as Life Members June 15th.

Old Business: Old Home Day is being organized by the Fire Dept., Alice and Ed are representing us at Fire Dept meetings regarding the event. Mary regrets that she will be unable to help tend the Museum on Old Home Day. Sean is interested in what his family can do to assist. The triangular field in the center of Howard, across from the Fire Hall is owned by the Slayton family. It was formerly part of the Earnest Franklin farm. Old Home Day is to be Sept. 15.

Sondra reports that Hayden Barry will start painting the peeks of the Cemetery Sexton Cottage as a community service project. She brought an obituary of a WWI soldier from Bath killed in the battle of the Argonne and some war post cards all of which will be given to the Steuben Cty Historical Society for the WWI History Awareness week, by Wilma. Sondra questioned if someone will be selling quilt raffle tickets at the Hammondsport Festival of Crafts Aug 18-19. It was suggested that Bev Falvey may have a contact in Hammondsport for finding a location to set up.

Richard gave a review of a presentation of the History of the Willard Asylum for the Insane given by Walter Gable the Seneca Cty Historian in Hammondsport which he and Wilma attended. It was an interesting presentation. Mrs. Bette, of the Wheeler Homestead area, gave us the original and a typed copy of a paper written by Eben Palmer entitled "History of the Towlesville Grange". Angela Burgette, in the Arquette home, may have a photo of the Silo Ice Cream stand that was on the point at the west end of town, where Cty rt 27 and 70a divide. Richard provided a photograph of the Jerry Miller farm, which overlooks Howard from the north, taken about 1920.

Sondra asked for two spots on the summer museum schedule be filled. Sean offered to fill July 29. We will start our summer hours Sunday July 2, from 2-4 pm. Vacancy exists on 16 Sept.

New Business: Richard and Wilma found at their home two small colorful maps of Howard and suggested we have them professionally frame. Passed by acclaim.

The museum will be closed on Sunday the 24th. Everyone available to help, please attend.

Our next meeting will be July 24, 7 pm in the Museum.

Respectfully submitted,

Wilma Stewart