

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF GREATER LANSING
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, March 14th 2017
604 Lapeer Lansing, Mi

President Bill Castenier called the meeting to order at 7:07PM.

Present: Valerie Marvin, Bill Castanier, Bob Rose, Anne Wilson, Mary Kwas, Jacob McCormick and Ron Emery.

Absent: Joan Bauer, Jesse Lasorda, Zig Olds, Tim Kaltenbach, and Harry Emmons,

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting of January 7th were reviewed. Two corrections were offered. One to correct the spelling of Mary's last name; and to correct the name of the auto show identified in 4.a) to "Capitol City Car Capitol Auto Show." On Bob's motion seconded by Anne the minutes as amended were unanimously approved.

2. Treasurer's Report:

Since Tim, the Treasurer was not present no report was presented. Valerie did state that since January she had deposited about \$600 with little or no expenditures.

3. Old Business:

a) Strategic Planning session: Bill reported that Joan Bauer had met with Debbie Mikula of the Greater Lansing Arts Council who has agreed to be a facilitator for the session. The session will be held on some Sunday afternoon after the June annual meeting so that any new executive board members can participate.

b) Moore's River Drive House Tour: Val reported that the tour has been scheduled for September 23rd from 1-5PM. A pre-tour brunch will be held at the Lansing Country Club (LCC) that will cost \$25 per ticket. This price was set so as not to price people out of attending, although HSGL will just cover its costs for the brunch at that ticket price. 6 homes will be included on the tour. Volunteers are needed so that at least one HSGL member will be at each house to provide basic information about the each house. Volunteers will also be needed to sit at the check in desk to take money and tickets. Since the houses are located in only a two-block area, no transportation will be provided. The LCC will allow cars to park in its lot. Val further advised that if we obtain sponsorships to help cover the cost of the brunch, maybe that aspect of the event could become profit making also. The goal is to raise \$10 - \$12K. She also advised that the neighborhood appears excited about the event. Where the money raised should go, i.e. to the Museum fund or to the general fund will be further determined at the strategic planning session.

c) Collector's Showcase: This will be held on March 18th at the Delta Township Library from 11 AM -2PM. Zig will have a collection there. Volunteers are needed to man the HSGL booth at the event.

d) The Year 1937 Event: The exhibit in Lansing City Hall will go up in April and/or for a June 3rd opening. The event will include a reenactment of the general strike with a city street closed down. Speeches will be made in front of City Hall including one by the president of the steel workers union, which was a major player in the original strike. A plaque commemorating the strike will also be dedicated that day.

4. Building Move:

The building move will begin on April 1st with plans to move smaller items off shelves and into the new REO Museum facility. We will use a rental truck for this. Volunteers are needed at Creyts on Saturday April 1st at 9 AM. We will need to rent the truck a second day to complete the move on a separate day.

5. New Business:

- a) New Board Candidates: At least two new executive board members will be needed to run for election at the June Annual meeting. Jesse Lasorda's job precludes his active involvement and Harry Emmons will be moved to *emeritus* status. New members need to be active with an interest in history. Our goal is to diversify our executive board with minority and Hispanic members. Val also suggested that we get a representative from the East Lansing/Haslett /Okemos area.
- b) Morris-Peckham Award: Former HSGL officer and member Bob Morris recently passed away. At his funeral and wake the family (Linda Peckham his wife) solicited donations to the HSGL in his memory. Bill suggested that we use that money to fund an annual award from the organization to recognize a person in the area who has furthered the study of local history. A couple names of persons were suggested. Some criteria for the award were discussed but it was left pretty open-ended. The award recipient will be determined at the May meeting for presentation at the annual meeting on June 8th. Linda Peckham will be invited to attend.

6. Events and Program Calendar

- a) The following events are scheduled the coming year:
 - March 18 Collectors Showcase
 - March 23 Susan Bandes presentation at CDL
 - April 20 "Stand Up-Sit Down" Lisa Fine and John Beck presentation at CADL
 - April 22 Val presentation re: Frank Murphy at the Capitol
 - May date TBD opening of 1937 exhibit at City Hall
 - May 4 MSP Centennial at the Secondary Complex-Phil Schertzer
 - May 16 The sixties at MSU, Bill and Bob Pearson
 - June 3, Tourist in Your Own Home Town
 - June 8, Annual meeting, Belle Maniates presentation, Library of Michigan
- b) Walking Tour Dates:
 - May 18 Lansing Photographers-Jacob McCormick
 - June 15 Cherry Hill Neighborhood
 - July 13 Westside Neighborhood
 - July 29 Capitol City Car Celebration; auto related-sites
 - August 26 Old East Campus
 - August date TBD Beal Gardens
 - September 23 Moore's River Drive House Tour
 - October 12 Malcolm X
 - September 22 Abrams Marker
- c) Others to be scheduled:
 - Elvis fundraiser
 - Gil Wanger on Capitol punishment
 - John Herrman book
 - Great Lakes Sailor
 - U of Michigan Bicentennial
 - Detroit Riot presentation

7. Adjournment:

On motion by Mary, seconded by Bob the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 PM

Next meeting: Second Tuesday of May at 7 PM at a location to be announced.

Ron Emery
Secretary
March 17th, 2017

