Welland Historical Society
March 18th, 2013
Held at Welland Historical Museum

Business Meeting called to order at 6:40 PM by President James Takeo. Secretary Chantal Julien recording meeting minutes.

Approval of Minutes: On motion made, seconded, and carried, the board approved the previously distributed minutes of the meeting of the board held February 18th, 2013.

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer John Skinner absent. Vice President Gloria Terreberry delivered treasurer report on his behalf.

- The Community Account balance is $10,688.88
- It was proposed that the $500 spent in 2012, discussed during last meeting’s treasury report, went to support the processing of a donation of boxes, given to the Museum by the Society in 2012, of photographs and clippings. Nora was not present to confirm this. Whether this was the result of the money spent is being further investigated.
- The $10,000, as discussed before, is a Trillium Grant for the development of the Cooks Mills historical site with tree plaques and the planting of annuals in its garden. The money will be spent by the Museum on this endeavour by July 2013.
- The required paperwork authorizing the changing of Signatories has been deposited with the bank. Marilyn and John to meet with the bank tomorrow afternoon to sign their portion of the papers and complete the transition.

Old Business:

- Our Institutional/Organisational Membership with the Ontario Historical Society expired in 2008. The cost of an Institutional/Organisational Membership is $45. The cost of Membership with subscription to Ontario History journal is $76.50. Vote: Four members for OHS Membership $45. Four members for OHS Membership $76.50. President gave deciding vote: OHS Membership for $45. On motion made, seconded, and carried, a cheque to the OHS to be sent tomorrow afternoon for $45 renewal.
- The annual cost of a post office box to receive mail to be passed down from year to year costs $140, with three keys: one for Membership, one for Treasury, and one for the President & Vice President. The Society suggests directing mail to the Museum, with money going to the Museum for the service. Nora absent from meeting – additional talks and research to occur.
- The most current Society constitution located is 1965 and needs updating. Research into a new constitution based on the 1965 edition is being drafted through talks with other Societies re: their constitutions. Draft to be delivered to the Society to vote upon in near future.
- Donations from Barbara Sheppard Sibbett circulated to the Society. A Collection Policy and where to house donations is being researched and drafted, and will be presented to the Society for vote in the near future.

Membership Report: Marilyn Latham, Memberships, reported in January, there were 10 new and 1 family memberships. In February, there were 3 new and 1 family memberships. In March, there were 6
new and 1 family memberships. The Friends of the Welland Historical Society online has 129 members. Within the last week we’ve had 10 new members join. Marilyn circulated a draft program for 2013 with membership form attached. Vice President circulated a sample historical society bulletin from St. Catharines. Society members are to begin a Membership Drive starting this month.

New Business:

- George Chipman, Shirley & Kay Jones, and Edythe Phillips suggested for the OHS Carnochan Award. A unanimous vote (12 hands) held. **Motion** made, seconded, and **carried**, to forward the nomination of George, Shirley, Kay and Edythe to the OHS for the award.
- Postponed B. Napier Simpson Jr. Award of Merit discussion until Nora is present.
- Subgroups addressed:
  1. Ontario Genealogical Society and the Canadian Headstone project; registering Welland cemeteries with the OHS cemetery defence project.
  2. Participation in the Rose Parade by WHS vehicle and/or float and/or costumed parade.
  3. Digitization project: photographing houses, lots and buildings and combining with What’s in a Name street information.
- Projects, Community Involvement and Fundraising:
  1. Cemetery tours
  2. Historical walking tours / Jones walk
  3. Logo contest (local artists, based on spoons)
  4. Christmas and post cards (drawing and photograph, member artists)
  5. Donated crocheted quilt to the Society (raffle)
  6. Digitization project: donated movies – cooperative between Niagara College and local businesses
  7. Ensuring War of 1812 celebrations in Welland are publicized

Web site presentation cancelled - TBD

7:10pm – New Business introduced by Society Member:

- Request for Edythe Phillips, absent, to remain signatory on Community Account
- Conflict of interest discussed, honorary membership suggested in lieu
- Representation states bank requires third signatory
- **Vote**: For Edythe Phillips remaining signatory, four members. Opposed, six members.
- **Vote**: For Art Groom, past President, as signatory, seven members. Opposed, three members.
- **Motion** made, seconded, and **carried**, for Art Groom to be signatory on Community Account

- break -

8pm - Presentation:


Meeting adjourned at 9:05PM.