Business Meeting: Acting President, Gloria Terreberry, started the business meeting at 6:40pm by welcoming those in attendance. The Membership Chair recorded Minutes on the Secretary’s behalf, the Secretary being in absentia.

Approval of Minutes: After review of the meeting Minutes from November 18th, Vice President, Louis Albanese made a motion to accept them with amendment for ascent. The motion was seconded by Ex Officio President, Art Groom and carried unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer, John Skinner, in absentia. A brief report was delivered by the Acting President. The Community Account remains at $642.56.

Membership Report: Membership Chair, Philip Curtis, introduced interested Members, and noted those interested in becoming a Member. All in attendance paid their 2014 Membership dues. The total received was $32.00. Our facebook page continues to gather support with more than 35 likes.

Old Business:

- Promotions will take place this year with Niagara College newspaper and Brock Radio
- Complications promoting speakers through the Welland Tribune’s online events page continue
- Last year’s program and events were discussed
- Members & Board were encouraged to attend Historical Society Meetings within the Region
- Something special to be considered for this year, it being the 90th Anniversary of the WHS
- The potential development of an online oral history page was revisited
- The potential online publication of Welland properties “then and now” was revisited. Note: photos before 1923 are copyright free
- Location of WHS meetings was revisited (options remain: Central United Church, the Welland Public Library, St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church – added: the Welland Legion)
- The Acting President delivered a brief history of the Welland Historical Society for new Members
• The WHS Constitution was reviewed. Ex Officio President, Art Groom, moved to ascend the document. Seconded by Vice President, Louis Albanese, and was carried by the Board

**New Business:**

• Promoting speakers is free through Cogeco television
• The Welland Historical Museum has offered to promote our speakers through their communications and website
• We can connect our online GIS for the WHS through a link on our official webpage and our facebook site
• We can look into promoting events through the Pelham News and the Voice newspaper
• A list of interesting speakers and topics was shared, including the following historic sites:
  o Main Street Bridge
  o Lawrence-Singer House
  o Gordon-Marshall House
  o Central Fire Hall
  o Central United Church
  o Bridgetender's House
  o Glasgow-Fortner House
  o Chaffey-Fennessy House
  o Welland Mills
  o Lobosco-Foote House
  o Mizpah Mission/Italian Pentecostal Church
  o Vaughan Seed Company
  o Brookfield-Cupido House
• Suggestion to make a Calendar based upon historical buildings – one could utilize the illustrations from the Henry Giles’ / Page Atlas within its creation

**Elections for the 2014 Welland Historical Society Board of Officers:**

Acting President, Gloria Terreberry, read the duties and responsibilities of the Board positions open for Election for 2014 from the WHS Constitution.

The Board nominated Gloria Terreberry to be Vice President. The nomination was collectively moved and unanimously carried by the Members of the Board in attendance and by new Members.

The Board nominated Dr. Louis Albanese to become the new WHS President. This nomination was voted upon and unanimously passed by all in attendance.
The Board nominated Philip Curtis to be reinstated as Membership Officer. This nomination was voted upon and was supported unanimously.

New Member, Beverly Russell, was nominated by the Board to be the new Treasurer. This nomination was supported by a unanimous vote in favour.

The Board nominated Beverly Russell to be the Acting Program Coordinator for 2014. This was voted upon and was carried in favour unanimously.

The position of WHS Correspondent was filled by nominating new Member, Bruce Millar, which was also unanimously successful.

The position of Acting Secretary was filled by nominating Philip Curtis. This vote was carried in favour unanimously.

Welland Historical Society Bank Account and Signing Authorities

The three signing authorities are typically filled by the following positions, and updates to the Community Account will, therefore, be required:

1. The Treasurer
2. The Membership Chair
3. The Ex Officio Past President

This was motioned and agreed upon by the Society. The tradition to have two signatories continues.

The new WHS President, Dr. Louis Albanese adjourned the meeting at 8:50pm.

After the meeting, Members were invited by Mr. Lampman to participate in an ad hoc tour of the historic Church. Members were led into the sanctuary and shown the stain glass windows that had been discovered most recently while performing renovations. All Members were delighted by the tour, and grateful to Mr. Lampman and the Central United Church for offering such a treat to the Society.