

Heritage Advisory Council
October 21, 2008

Present: Ruth Dobyns, Quaker Heritage Center; Jan Beller, Loveland Historical Society; Liz Buchanan, Franklin Historical Society; Vicky Tappy, Warren County Historical Society; Linda Morgan, Museum at the Friends Home; Terry Easton, Springboro Historical Society; Lois Jestice, Carlisle Historical Society; Steve Sorice, Harveysburg Historical Society; Harriet Foley, Franklin Historical Society/Warren County Genealogy Society, and Cyndi Pauwels, Museum at the Friends Home.

The meeting came to order at 1:30 p.m. President Ruth Dobyns thanked the Museum at the Friends Home for hosting the meeting at the last minute due to Karen Campbell's family emergency. She asked for a secretary pro-tem in Dolly's absence; Linda volunteered Cyndi, who reluctantly agreed.

Minutes: Liz moved to accept the minutes of the September meeting as presented; Vicky seconded; the motion carried.

A brief discussion was held reference membership renewals, which will be due in January, and possible new members. Terry arrived from Springboro and advised he would be attending a Board meeting on Thursday to review HAC membership. Cyndi reported Mason is still considering joining, and Sherri seems interested. Steve will contact Deerfield Township Historical Society and Vicky will talk to Monroe.

Treasurer's report: Steve presented the treasurer's report in Lucy McCarren's absence. After paying our portion of the Passport printing fee, we have a balance of \$142.75.

Old Business:

Historical Warren County book project: Cyndi has made site visits to all members except WCHS, which is scheduled for October 22, Quaker Heritage Center, which is scheduled for December 16, and Fort Ancient. Jack is difficult to contact; Cyndi will keep trying. She has also been to Mason and will visit Springboro if the Board approves participation. Cyndi reminded the group that, as expected, the difficult part will be what to leave out – a rough first draft for Carlisle which is only 2/3 finished is already at the projected 1,200 word limit. She is planning to begin each section with a (very!) brief overview of the HAC member agency for the community since they are the party responsible for preserving the history which the book will highlight. Everyone agreed that seemed like a good idea. Cyndi is still hoping to have a completed draft by the end of the year or very shortly thereafter.

Ruth reviewed the initial plan for distribution of books/proceeds and noted that it will need to be changed due to a corrected reading of the contract (thank you, Vicky!). As stated at the last meeting. HAC will receive 8% commission on all profile pages sold to support the book (*estimated* at up to \$8,000) and 400 copies of the book to share with members. After discussion, it was agreed that HAC will keep the commission monies in the group's treasury and each agency will keep the proceeds from however many books they sell (\$34.95 retail price). Outside groups (Mason, Springboro, etc.) may purchase books at the final wholesale price (estimated at \$8-10) when the order is placed and keep the proceeds from those sales. Ruth asked each member to discuss with their agency how many books they would like to have to sell so we can

determine how many additional will need to be ordered over the initial 400. All books must be ordered at the first printing.

Passport Program: Vicky collected the folded Passports from all members and will deliver them to the Warren County Board of Education office for distribution to fourth grade classes throughout the county. Jan took a batch for Loveland Schools (probably third graders) and Steve took a sample to show Clinton-Massie in hopes they will participate in the next round. Ruth handed out additional yellow registration post cards and HAC stamps to members as needed. Prizes will be finalized in the spring as we see how many entries we receive.

HAC banner: Due to the low treasury balance, it was agreed a HAC pull-up banner will be put on hold till after 2009 membership fees are paid.

Clinton County Foundation: Ruth distributed copies of the agreement for joining the Clinton County Foundation and explained again the benefits of operating under their umbrella: use of their 501(c)3 number so we don't need to apply for our own; easy access to funds as needed; promotion of HAC to other Foundation members when grants/monies are available. Vicky moved to submit the application for membership; Steve seconded, the motion carried. Ruth will bring a completed form to the next meeting for final approval.

New Business:

Joint exhibits: Ruth suggested a combined exhibit effort among all members highlighting the 2011 Civil War 150 year remembrance. A subcommittee was formed to consider possibilities, including next year's Passport program and coordinated schedules of events. Members were asked to review their collections for ideas and bring suggestions to the next meeting. Vicky and Linda will serve on the subcommittee; other members are welcome and needed.

Bulk purchasing: Cyndi reported on the easel displays used at Loveland (floor stands) and Mason (table top) that easily display photo collections. Linda reminded the group we had discussed bulk purchasing power in the past and that this might be a good start. Members were asked to make a wish list of items to purchase in quantity and they will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Upcoming events:

- Harveysburg will host its historical marker dedication on Saturday, October 25th from 1-3 p.m.
- WCHS has a display of hooked rugs through November 16th.
- Museum at the Friends Home Ghostly History Walking Tours are offered all this month. The spring exhibit will feature the history of underwear.
- Franklin will host its cemetery tour later this month. (sorry, I lost the flyer and forget the date!)
- Quaker Heritage Center will hold a peace symposium tomorrow, October 22nd. The Children of Abraham exhibit is ongoing through December 12th. Ruth reminded everyone she will have students needing four-hour internship opportunities in April 2009. She asked for one 4-hour block or two 2-hour blocks of time rather than one hour splits.

- The OAHSM regional meeting will be March 29, 2009, hosted by the Museum at the Friends Home and held at Quaker Community Care Center directly behind the Museum. Ruth encouraged everyone to join OAHSM if not already a member and to attend this helpful networking session.

Liz reported the recent wind storm knocked down a tree which damaged one of the cast iron lions which have guarded the bridge in Franklin for 130 years. At her urging, plans are in the works to replace the lion. Way to go, Liz!

Lois asked if anyone could recommend a sheet music appraiser. Cincinnati Music Conservatory was suggested. Cyndi has a friend who is music librarian at UC; she will check with him as well.

Ruth asked that, since we missed meeting in Carlisle in September, Lois would like to host the November meeting. She agreed, provided someone can help her set up. Harriet kindly volunteered.

Upcoming meetings:

November 18, 1:30 p.m., at Carlisle Historical Society

December 16, 1:30 p.m., at Quaker Heritage Center, Wilmington

Respectfully submitted,

Cyndi Pauwels
Secretary pro tem