

**Heritage Advisory Council  
Meeting minutes of September 30, 2008**

Today's meeting was held at the Museum at the Friends Home in Waynesville with Ruth Dobyns, Dolly McKeehan, Linda Morgan, Vicky Tappy, Harriet Foley and Cyndi Pauwels present. Guest Terry Easton from the Springboro Historical Society was also present.

**Reports**

**Minutes:** Due to the absence of summer meetings, the May 19, 2008 minutes were reviewed for approval. Dolly made the motion to approve with a second from Cyndi. The May meeting minutes were approved as written. Thanks to Harriet Foley for taking the May minutes. Ruth stated Dolly has agreed to take the minutes for the remainder of 2008.

**Membership report:** Terry Easton gave a brief review of the Springboro Historical Society and their events. They do Underground Railroad tours with Helen Spoot as guide (27 homes associated with the UGRR), haunted hot dog roast and are undertaking the refurbishing of their museum. Members discussed all that HAC offers its members and ways to help Springboro. Terry will take this information back to his board for review.

**Treasurer's report:** No treasurer's report was given due to Lucy McCarren's absence.

**Old Business**

**Warren County History Book:** Cyndi gave a progress report on the Warren County History Book. During discussion of distribution of the proceeds, Vicky informed all that HAC would receive 8% of the advertising commission (per our contract). Previous meetings had agreed upon monies from the first 400 books going to HAC, with additional book money going to individual sites. In light of this change, it was agreed to table this issue until the October meeting. Vicky also stated about \$30,000 in advertising was secured to date through the business profiles. Small page advertisements are being considered for small businesses not interested in a full profile. As a sponsor of the book, HAC is given a full page advertisement with up to 2 photos. Cyndi distributed a tentative copy of this page for review, with a final draft by the October/November meeting.

The cover will feature the color print of the Jeremiah Morrow mill at Foster on the Little Miami River. Cyndi has visited all HAC sites except Warren County Historical Society, Fort Ancient and Mason.

**Passport Program:** Vicky brought the last 1000 copies of the Passport and encouraged each to take a portion and have them folded and returned by the October meeting. The first 1000 have already been done by her staff. The folded Passports should be bundled in stacks of 30. She has made arrangements to have the Passports taken to the Warren County Board of Education for distribution by them to fourth grade classes in each school. Ruth distributed the stamps to be

used by each site and the yellow post cards for each child completing the Passport. These should be out by the end of October.

**Display banner:** Tabled this issue for the October meeting.

### **New Business**

**Clinton County Foundation:** Ruth discussed using this foundation to hold HAC money instead of using Warren County Historical Society. Finances would still be covered under the foundation's 501(c)(3) status and used as a pass-through account, accruing interest, and not an endowment fund. Clinton County Foundation does not offer grants, but some of their members do offer grants. Ruth distributed a copy of their agreement and asked each to review prior to the October meeting.

Vicky questioned not using the Warren County Foundation and it was agreed this organization's past practices caused some concern. Cyndi asked if Harveysburg might use CCF for the foundation's 501 status to enable Harveysburg to secure grants. Ruth to check. Board agreed to table this decision for the October meeting.

**TAAG grant:** Vicky distributed copies of a Warren County Convention and Visitor's Bureau TAAG grant she submitted on behalf of HAC. Two projects were listed for consideration: web site expansion and advertising for the Warren County Bookmark to History brochure. Thanks for Vicky for submitting this grant application. Ruth suggested the TAAG grant be considered in May for the September 2009 grant.

Vicky was invited to attend the Social Studies Teacher Fair put on by the Ohio Historical Society. While only 2 teachers attended, she networked with other organizations and learned about outreach programs as a means of additional income. This entails taking a museum project to schools for a fee. Last year schools paid \$170,000 for this program.

**Next project:** Either program submitted under the TAAG grant, should they be approved.

### **Announcements, Upcoming Events**

Ruth reminded all of the OAHSM yearly meeting in Columbus this weekend. She and Dolly will be attending as both have now been elected as Region 8 representatives to the board of directors of OAHSM. Next year they plan to submit HAC for OAHSM recognition awards.

Warren County Historical Society is working on the History Trail, re-enactors at Glendower and the Civil War Sesquicentennial in 2011.

Ruth is hosting a History Day Teacher's Open House at the Quaker Heritage Center on November 5 from 4-6 pm. HAC members are invited. The theme is "The Individual in History". Ruth hopes HAC members attend or, at least, send information for this open house.

Franklin has a new board member who put together a tour of their Woodhill Cemetery during Halloween. Their Literary Club has put together a "Cooks and Cookbooks" theme event in their main room with displays of freezing, canning and cookbooks.

Ruth is teaching an "Intro to Public History" course in the spring and is looking for a small experience project for students to do at the end of the course. She could possibly pair a student with a HAC site for a small project in early April.

The walking ghostly tours at the Museum at the Friends Home will start Oct. 15th and go every Wednesday, Friday and Saturday nights. Cost is \$10/person.

The next meeting is Tuesday, Oct. 21 at 1:30 pm at the Mary L. Cook Library in Waynesville.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dolly McKeehan.