

Minutes from Heritage Advisory Council
March 17, 2008

The group met at the Warren County Historical Society, on the Village Green. Ruth Dobyns called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm. Refreshments provided by Harveysburg.

In attendance were:

Jan Beller of Loveland
Liz Buchanan of Franklin
Harriet Foley of the WCGS Foundation
Lucy McCarren of Harveysburg
Stephen Sorice of Harveysburg
Cindy Pauwels of Museum at the Friends Home
Linda Morgan of Museum at the Friends Home
Dolly McKeehan of Museum at the Friends Home
Lois Jestice of Carlisle Historical Society
Ruth Dobyns of the Quaker Heritage Center
Victoria Tappy of the Warren County Historical Society

Missing were:

Karen Campbell and Linda Swartzel of Mary L. Cook Library and Jack Blosser of Fort Ancient Museum.

Ruth handed out updated contact information for everyone. We noted an additional phone number for Lois Jestice of Carlisle Historical Society – 513-423-8206 and an updated e-mail address for the Warren County Genealogical Society – wchs@county.warren.oh.us.

Ruth asked for discussion concerning membership. We need to make contact with Mason, Springboro and Pioneer Village. Liz Buchanan volunteered to contact Mason, Vicky Tappy volunteered to contact Pioneer Village.

Vicky Tappy then reported on the passing of the deadline for Ohio Chautauqua 2008 scheduling. There was much unhappiness from those who missed the deadline and much discussion about the lack of communication back and forth among the members. Vicky Tappy met with Fran and Frank from Ohio Humanities and secured two marketing events for the Heritage Advisory Council members during Chautauqua. They are:

1. Each member will be able to put up a display about their museum or organization inside the tent at Ohio Chautauqua, Lebanon. This will enforce the launching of the Passport program which will be announced at the event.
2. A cardboard fan will be passed out to attendees with all the HAC members organizations, information and site pictures displayed on the back of the fan.

Liz announced that the Franklin Historical Society will have an exhibit on Miami Valley Chautauqua beginning May 1 though July 31, 2008. Hours are Sunday from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm or by appointment. Admission is \$1.00.

Ruth asked for discussion on the Passport Program. Still needed from more than half the members are a picture of an object you would like to highlight in your museum and a scavenger hunt question – a question that can only be answered by visiting your site. We all agreed that the Passport Program would run from June 2008 to June 2009. Vicky Tappy offered to check with the Warren County Convention and Visitors Bureau for donations of rooms and food certificates for prizes. Harveysburg will get Renaissance Tickets.

Questions about the Passport program were:

1. How many Passports should be printed?
2. How will we validate the Passport? We decided to each have the same stamp and then initial the entry. Ruth will get the HAC stamp for each of us. Cyndi will help with the graphic design.

Vicky Tappy presented the Warren County History book project again this month. Cyndi might consider writing the book. Vicky will run the contract by attorney and report back in April.

The Museum at the Friends Home announced their English Garden Tea on May 3. Tickets are available now.

Ruth Dobyns discussed the Quaker History Conference. Will include Museum at the Friends Home brochures in their participant packets.

Ruth also announced that she will have an exhibit at the Friends Committee in Washington D.C. during the conference.

The group asked if Warren County Historical Society participates in Ohio History Day. The question was tabled to John Zimkus (not present), Historian of the WCHS.

The group decided to keep the Monday meeting date and time through May 2008. No meeting June, July or August.

Vicky Tappy introduced WCHS Volunteer Bill Rivers who discussed the updating of the WCHS web site. Through Bill's work, WCHS will link any HAC organization to the site who is willing, and if you do not have a web site he will provide a page on the WCHS that will highlight your museum or organization.

Cyndi reported on her experience with a certified preservationist, Mark Palkovic – music librarian at U.C.

The ladies from the Museum at the Friends Home discussed their “pull up banner”. We discussed should we have one for HAC. Cyndi and company will bring theirs to the next meeting.

Ruth Dobyns is now our Region 7 AALSH member.