

Heritage Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2007

Present: Shirley Ray, Steve Sorice, Lucy McCarren, Linda Morgan, Dolly McKeegan, Cyndi Pauwels, Liz Buchanan, Harriett Foley, Jack Blosser, Jan Beller and Karen Campbell

Shirley opened the meeting at Ft. Ancient and welcomed new member Karen Campbell from the Mary L. Cook Library. Effective immediately, Dolly will not e-mail the monthly minutes to everyone. Instead, she will e-mail them to Cyndi who will put them on the web-site for all to read. Cyndi will notify members when the minutes are on the web-site.

The treasurer's report was given by Lucy with a balance of \$635.28. Loveland's membership dues will be added to this total.

Membership report was made by Steve. Steve reported he had left a message for Chuck at Carlisle Historical Society regarding the meeting. He also spoke with Hayfaa Wadih at Deerfield Township. She will seek approval from her board for membership. No one has been able to reach Pioneer Village officials but Shirley will try again. Steve stated he wanted to let the Jan. 31 membership deadline slide. Discussion was made and Shirley stated that a tentative date of April 30 will be the deadline to join for inclusion in the brochure. All agreed. Steve stated he will make copies of the by-laws and make membership packs.

Shirley explained the need for each member to submit 2 or 3 yearly events for the brochure. Brochure amounts of 5,000 - 10,000. She will go before the county commissioners in the fall or earlier for grant money. We will need all members on board at this point. Discussion was made on how county funds would be distributed to each member. Will the commissioners fund each project separated or will HAC distribute funds? Jan reported that Clermont County commissioners dictate total amount funded, divided by the number of members, then the county historical society distributes funds. Shirley stated HAC will serve as a clearing house on any funds.

Corporate sponsorships were discussed. Jack stated he has event sponsorships starting at \$250 to \$5,000. Corporate members would receive free advertising in HAC newsletter.

Cyndi discussed the web-site and explained that those who do not have a website for their sites will have a one page link with their address, photo and other information. Please send any information on this link page to Cyndi as soon as possible. Also included on the webpage will be the monthly minutes, membership form, by-laws and any events. Shirley asked about putting a collage of period photos on the web-site. **Deadline** to submit to Cyndi 3 events at your site is by the April meeting, either via e-mail or paper at the April meeting. Steve will contact any potential new members about this deadline. Dolly will call Helen at Springboro. Cyndi reported that the newsletter for MFH went out to about 400 people with a note about HAC. Press releases will go out around the end of March. All publicity comes to or from Cyndi for HAC.

Shirley gave an update on the 2008 Chautauqua. Still waiting to hear if Lebanon was awarded a site - probably about 6-8 weeks out. Harriett suggested taking the screening committee to the original Ohio Chautauqua site in Franklin. Theme will be "Inventions and Innovators". Shirley reminded all of the OAHSM meeting on Saturday, March 24.

At the February meeting we discussed having workshops. Suggested workshops were on exhibits, mounts, display cases, and supplies. Shirley suggested building a small display case. How in-depth do we want these workshops to become? Definitely hands-on. Will members absorb cost? Steve suggested we make it a 2-part workshop with a small cost for the lecture only plus additional cost for the workshop. Separate fees for members and non-members and open it to non-members. Dates are June 23 for a mounts workshop at Warren County Historical Society and September 8 or 15. Dolly suggested asking Jud Yalkut to do a workshop on photo display/preservation. She will check with Jud.

Linda discussed using a consortium for buying power on such supplies as paper products, ink, supplies, mounting supplies, etc. Similar to the school's "market day" buying. Linda will check on this type of pricing and report at the next meeting.

Karen reported on the ½ hour pod cast at the Mary L. Cook Library and said should/could include HAC.

Harriett stated the September meeting will be held at Warren County Genealogical Society in Lebanon.

Next meeting is Tuesday, April 17 at 2:00 p.m. at Warren Co. Historical Society, Lebanon.

Respectfully submitted,

Dolly McKeegan
Vice President