

Akron Historical Society

October 3, 2011, 7 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Rodney Anderson. Those present were President, Rodney Anderson; Brenda Groon, Secretary; Denise Loutsch Beitelspacher, Treasurer; board members: Angela Price; Dee Hilliker; and Shirley Gerling.

The Secretaries report was reviewed and approved.

The Treasurers report was reviewed after a question about poster board that was purchased and it was found that it was for the Summer Kick Off event. The report was then approved.

Old Business

- **Porch Update:** Barry Klave has started work and footings are poured for south pillars.
- **Membership drive:** A review of donations from mailings sent out was done.
- **Tax Exempt Status:** Rodney has met with Mat Trozig and the paper work is ready to be mailed in. The filing fee is \$750, which has been paid. This fee is what is charged by the IRS, so we will have Mr. Trozig's fee to pay on top of this. Rodney needs to sign the papers once Trozig has them completed.

New Business

A grant has been applied for through the Community Foundation of Greater Plymouth County. We are requesting \$5,000.00 for the East Entrance Landing which had to be torn off for safety issues.

The toilet was running in the downstairs bathroom on 9-26-2011. Rodney turned it off below the tank. Discussion was held on what to do about this problem.

The bathroom mirror is off the wall. Someone needs to get it hung. A work day was planned by Brenda Groon and Angela Price to complete these projects.

Brenda and Rodney moved the architectural floor plans that were hanging in the community room and placed them with the other floor plans in the main entry. This puts the whole display in one room. It was felt that with them being in two separate places, people lost interest by the time they got to the second set, depending on either way they were introduced. Through this process the Charter members, Chamber and Memorial plaques needs to be hung elsewhere. Suggestion is on one of the community room walls. A discussion was held and it was decided to hang the plaques on one of the community room walls..

It has been noted that the lawn chairs are in need of painting. Suggestion: Shop project at school. Benda will contact the school about completing this project.

The City of Akron has contacted Rodney on the fact that they are not sure of whom to contact for tours of the Museum. They are confused as why they keep getting calls. The sign out front has the City Hall number listed. On the web page we have Brenda Groon listed. It was decided that Brenda and Rodney would be the contacts and we would let City Hall know who should be contacted.

Last year we gave out treats on the porch. With the porch construction, what do we want to do? If the porch is done by Halloween we will give out treats. If not we will not allow the kids on the property, due to safety reasons.

New Horizon's donation: Shirley Gerling was present to present a check of 10% of proceeds that they donated to the Museum from proceeds raised during the Scarecrow Festival.

We need to take air conditioners out of the windows, drain sprinkler system, and bring in garden hose. These items were added to the work day project that was planned earlier in the meeting.

Brenda Groon, Secretary