

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF GREATER LANSING

Minutes of the Board Meeting: July 11, 1996

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by the president Linda Peckham.

Minutes for the April and May meetings were unavailable and will be presented at a future date.

The new treasurer, Irene Dean, reported a balance of \$433.26 in the checking and \$903.67 in the saving accounts. The Board approved three postal dispersements to be made by the treasurer: Postal Box Rental \$40, Bulk Mail Deposit for postage \$150, and Bulk Rate Postal Permit \$85.

Committee chairs for the coming year were tentatively agreed upon:

Program:	John Curry
Membership:	Phil Siebert
Newsletter/Mailing	(JoAnne Jager/Linda Peckham)
Editor	Craig Whitford
Corresponding Secretary:	(Pat Heyden)
Refreshments:	Richard Racki
Publicity:	Harry Blanchard
Funding:	Joe maguire

Program reports for the Stained Glass Tour on April 20 and the Annual Meeting on May 11 were mentioned. Both events were deemed very successful. The History Day displays at the city market coordinated by Pat Heyden and the BBQ dinner that followed with about three dozen members in attendance was most enjoyable.

JoAnne Jager reported on the status of the Lansing Public Library, which is still uncertain, and that it appears that the Local History Room hours will be reduced to three hours per week.

Special projects for the sesquicentennial of the designation of the location of the state capital at Lansing (March 16, 1847) were discussed:

The Family Histories project needs to be publicized again (State Journal, etc.) and a call made for applications.

Historic plaques for houses project should be coordinated with Paul Scott.

The chain fence for the Civil War section at Mt Hope Cemetery has been donated and needs approval of the cemetery for them to install it.

The Timeline project committee has met twice and those interested should contact Harry Blanchard.

Lansing Preservation Directory is still progressing with Donna Wynant to include listing from local businesses and persons focusing on preservation.

Ideas pending:

Republishing the Michigan, Michigan map of 1847
Sesquicentennial Booklet: David Caterino and Craig Whitford
(Status uncertain)
Charles Meade Book: David Caterino and Craig Whitford progressin
Turner Family Booklet: Jacqui Sewell is working on
Ethnic Groups in Lansing histories: Donna and JoAnne to co-
ordinte and prepare letter to send to identified groups.
Group histories: encourage other organizations to compile
brief hstories, such as, Potter Park Zoo, Turner-Dodge
House, Cooley Gardens, Reutter Park, Evergreen Cemetery.

Program ideas for 1996-97 were briefly discussed:

Sept. Outdoor event -Walking Tour
Nov. Automobile centennial program: Richard Scharchburg
(program cancelled in February by inclement weather)
Jan.
Mar. (Olds Exhibit at State Museum: Doesn't open until June 2
April Special Event: Capitol Tour 1847-1997
May Annual Dinner (Recognition of Centenial and Sesquicentenni
Families)

Board meeting Oct., Feb., April

Linda announced that the Governor had called for a Sesquicentennial
Commission of the State Capital in Lansing with ten members from the
state appointed by the Governor and ten members from the city appointed
by the mayor. Linda had been asked by the mayor to serve.

The meeting adjourned by the president at 10:35.

Next meeting: July 25, 1996 at 7:15 at the president's home.

Respectfully submitted,

John C. Curry
Secretary pro tem