

BERKLEY HISTORICAL COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES Sunday, November 10, 2019

Present: S. Richardson (Chairperson), J. Tong (Vice-Chairperson), W. Mathis (Treasurer), G. Rubright, M.C. Mueller, D. Carlson, K. Schmeling

Also present: Steve Baker (City Council Liaison), Shirley Hansen (Volunteer) & Chuck Tyrell.

Absent: D. Hunter, J. Novak, D. Ozanich, D. Stewart, H. Hames

Regular non-voting attendees Steve Baker (City Council Liaison) and Shirley Hansen were both present.

1. Meeting called to order by S. Richardson at approximately 4:10pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Citizen Comments . None
4. The subjects of quorum and the current Committee membership status of Treasurer Waneta Mathis were discussed. It was determined that Waneta remains a member of the committee until her move to Royal Oak is complete and that the committee had quorum at this meeting with seven voting members present.
5. S. Richardson noted that the agenda had been amended to include discussion of the Public Library's upcoming "Kit Home" program event which the Committee will co-sponsor, and then called for other possible changes to the agenda. None were put forth. J. Tong moved for approval of the agenda; M.C. Mueller seconded. The motion passed unanimously with no discussion.
7. The prior meeting's minutes were reviewed. S. Richardson called for corrections to the previous meeting's minutes. None were recommended. D. Carlson moved for approval of the minutes; K. Schmeling seconded. The motion passed unanimously with no discussion.
8. Historical Committee Officer Reports:
  - Treasurer W. Mathis reported expenditures of \$1,688.99 and income of \$1,932.06 since the committee's last meeting and a current account balance of \$11,442.31. Expenditures included payments of \$660.76 and \$806.08 to "Pine State Enterprises" for the fabricating of Christmas ornaments and mugs, respectively, plus a \$222.15 reimbursement to Committee Vice-chair J. Tong for expenses incurred in the process of staging the Museum's current WWII exhibit. Income of \$1,932.06 included Museum, Berkley Public Library and City Hall merchandise sales (primarily mugs and Christmas ornaments) and donations.
  - Museum Curator J. Tong reported on a number of subjects: ~The Sila Italian Restaurant sign has been hung in the museum hallway. ~Current archives of defunct Berkley newspapers held by the museum now include the years of 1923-1925, 1929-1931 and 1940-1971. The search for potential gap-filling newspapers of the past continues. ~Past orders of mugs in the amount of 288 and 144 have sold out. A past order of 200 Christmas ornaments sold out and the current order of 100 continues to sell well. ~The permanent

placement of the Berkley School cornerstone will likely have to wait until Spring. Logistical complexities, including the difficulty of fabricating an adequate display platform for an 800 pound object, have prevented completion of the project for the time being. ~Development of the Museum's "Past Perfect" project continues to wait upon the assistance of the city's Chief Innovation Officer Stan Lisica. ~The Museum's WWII exhibit is up, including a genuine WWII Army uniform worn by a local veteran. It has been well received by the public thus far. The assistance of our local 4-H chapter in stuffing clippings into the acetate display sleeves was noted. A press release submitted to local media outlets by Berkley City Hall officials was passed around for the perusal of Committee members. An online article about the exhibit in the "Oakland County Times" was also noted by citizen attendee Charles Tyrell.

9. J. Tong moved that Committee members be allowed to purchase the Museum's mugs and Christmas ornaments at wholesale cost. The motion was seconded. S. Richardson called for discussion of the motion. G. Rubright suggested an amendment limiting the number of items Committee members be allowed to purchase at wholesale cost. D. Carlson suggested an amendment prohibiting resale of items purchased at wholesale cost from the Museum by Committee members. There was a general agreement among members present that abuse of the motion as originally stated is very unlikely. S. Richardson called for a vote. The motion as originally stated passed unanimously without further discussion.

10. There was a short discussion of the Committee's "Historic Building Recommendation Sub-Committee". It was determined that a meeting of the Sub-Committee will take place at S. Hansen's residence in the near future, exact date and time to be determined.

11. S. Richardson related details of the Berkley City Council's recent meeting at which was made an official public proclamation honoring late Committee member David Milner and acknowledging his many contributions to the community. The presence of Committee members and D. Milner's sister Nicita at said City Council meeting were also noted.

12. J. Tong informed Committee members of a special opening of the Museum in observance of Veterans Day on November 11 from 10am to 1pm, and also a ceremony honoring veterans at 11am just outside of City Hall on the same day. Committee members were encouraged to attend if at all possible.

13. J. Tong called upon Committee members to volunteer for the hang the holiday decorations inside the museum on December 1st at 2pm in preparation for the Berkley Holiday Lights Parade to take place on December 7th at 5:30pm, and a few Committee members did so.

14. The necessity of a December meeting of the Historical Committee was discussed. J. Tong made a motion that the Committee hold no meeting in the month of December. M.C. Mueller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously without discussion. J. Tong stated that the Berkley City Clerk will be informed of the Committee's intention to hold no meeting in the month of December. S. Richardson announced the Committee's next meeting date: Sunday, January 12, 2020.

15. There was a short discussion on the progress of the New Membership Recruitment Flyer Design Sub-Committee. A mock-up of a potential flyer created by a Berkley Community Relations Director was examined. Members of the Sub-Committee scheduled a second meeting for Wednesday, November 13th at the Museum.

16. The Historical Museum volunteer schedule was discussed and then passed around for sign-up.

17. Adjournment: D. Carlson made a motion to adjourn the meeting; M.C. Mueller seconded. The motion passes UNAN.