

## BERKLEY HISTORICAL COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

Sunday, July 14th, 2019

Present: S. Richardson (Chairperson), W. Mathis (Treasurer), G. Rubright, D. Hunter, M.C. Mueller, D. Carlson, H. Hames

Absent: J. Tong (Vice-Chairperson), D. Milner, J. Novak, D. Ozanich, R. Raimi, D. Stewart, V. Stol, K Schmeling

Regular non-voting attendees Steve Baker (City Council Liaison) and Shirley Hansen were not present.

1. Meeting called to order by S. Richardson at approximately 4:07pm

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. S. Richardson called for possible changes to the agenda and none were put forth. D. Hunter moved for approval of the agenda; H. Hames seconded. The motion passed unanimously with no discussion.

4. S. Richardson called for citizen comments; none were made.

5. Prior meeting's minutes were reviewed. S. Richardson called for corrections to the previous meeting's minutes. None were recommended. Waneda moved for approval of the minutes; M.C. Mueller seconded. The motion passed unanimously with no discussion.

6. S. Richardson presented a thank you note from the students of Rogers Elementary School for their recent visit to the Historical Museum.

7. Historical Committee Officer Reports:

-Treasurer W. Mathis reported expenditures of \$145.00 and income of \$80.00 since the committee's last meeting and a current account balance of \$6,706.71. Expenditures of \$145.00 included only payments to "Print Stop" for printing of museum related materials. Income of \$80.00 included Museum, Berkley Public Library and City Hall merchandise sales and donations.

-No curator's report. S. Richardson expounded on numerous museum curatorial issues in lieu of J. Tong's usual report, and also noted that Jeffery's absence was due to a funeral.

~Museum's restaurant display to be replaced this week.

~Berkley Ice Arena artifacts, including sign to be hung in city hall, have been delivered to museum.

~Berkley Days Fund payout to Berkley Historical Committee likely to be at least \$1,000.

Berkley Days Committee to determine payouts at August 13th meeting.

~D. Hunter reported that the Michigan State Library has offered the museum/committee access to a free copy of Berkley Tribune microfilm that we are welcome to digitize as we see fit.

~The success and/or failure of our participation in this year's Art Bash event was discussed as well as the possibility of product sales at the Committee's tent at next year's event.

~The Berkley city manager's offer of new storage space within the city hall building was discussed. S. Richardson expressed J. Tong's recommendation that it be used for storage of bound and printed Tribune collection and called for members to volunteer time towards cleaning of the space. D. Carlson, D. Hunter and M.C. Mueller all offered future volunteer hours. D. Hunter suggested a chronological organization of the Tribune collection when it is moved to the new space and also recommended the move be made in the Fall for air conditioning/temperature related reasons.

~S. Richardson reported that J. Tong is still awaiting word from the Berkley School Board regarding disposition of the Berkley School cornerstone.

#### 9. Donations/New Gift Acquisitions:

-From the "Friends of Berkley Library": An archive of past meeting minutes.

-D. Hunter moved that the committee accept the aforementioned donations; G. Rubright seconded. The motion passed unanimously without discussion.

#### 10. Historical Committee Member Resignations:

~V. Stol; time constraints cited

~R. Raimi; term completed, not renewed

#### 11. Water Leak in Museum Ceiling:

-City Manager currently working on repair. City to possibly refund cost of new ceiling tiles purchased with museum funds.

#### 12. Committee T-Shirts:

-It was reported that committee member D. Milner has made significant progress on the project. The matter was tabled until the following meeting in hopes of including D. Milner in future discussions.

#### 13. Mugs:

-The purchase of a lot of Christmas themed mugs for sale at the Historical Museum and other venues was discussed. J. Tong's proposal of an order for 144 was related by S. Richardson. D. Hunter suggested that artwork created by a museum visitor from Alaska be considered. G. Rubright moved that the committee purchase a lot of 144 Christmas themed mugs for sale at the Berkley Historical Museum and other venues. The general consensus was favorable but price concerns for a lot of this size were also expressed. M.C. Mueller suggested a tabling of the matter until a more concrete price structure could be presented to the committee. G. Rubright expressed the need to arrive at a decision on the matter by the conclusion of the next committee meeting. General agreement was expressed by other committee members. G. Rubright amended her motion to an order of 288 Christmas themed mugs for sale at the Berkley Historical Museum and other venues; K. Schmeling seconded. The motion passed unanimously. A subcommittee for mug design was established with J. Tong, D. Carlson and H. Hames volunteering and committing to meet before the following committee meeting.

#### 14. "Past Perfect"

-Full acquisition of the product was confirmed by S. Richardson; to be installed soon by the city's Chief Innovation Officer Stan Lisica. An extended discussion of our future courses of action regarding this archiving product ensued, culminating in a tabling until our next committee meeting.

15. Next committee meeting date of August 11th was established. D. Carlson stated his inability to attend due to travel plans.

16. Discussion of possible museum opening on day of "Dream Cruise", Saturday, August 17th. Matter tabled until next meeting.

17. Good & Welfare:

-Recent cancer diagnosis for frequent non-voting attendee and committee alum Shirley Hansen was revealed by S. Richardson. S. Richardson also stated that flowers were sent to Shirley on the committee's behalf, and related Shirley's expressions of thanks and appreciation. S. Richardson also noted that Shirley will soon be undergoing a difficult round of radiation treatments.

18. Adjournment: D. Carlson made a motion to adjourn the meeting; D. Hunter seconded. The motion passed unanimously without discussion.

Dale Carlson, Recording Secretary