

Minutes Berkley Historical Committee

March 10, 2019

Present: Sue Richardson (Chair), Jeff Tong (Co-Chair and Curator), Mary-Catherine Mueller, Heather Hames, Vicky Stol, Dale Carlson (Interim Corresponding Secretary), Waneda Mathis (Treasurer), Glenn Ellen Rubright, David Hunter, Kathy Schmeling

Absent: David Milner, Dani Ozanich, Rachael Raimi

Visitor: Sherry Wells

1. Call to Order - 4:09 pm by Sue Richardson
2. Pledge to the Flag
3. Approval of Agenda - Moved D. Carlson, 2nd V. Stol - UNAN
4. Approval of Minutes - Moved D. Hunter, 2nd D. Carlson - UNAN
5. Report of Officers:
 - a. W. Mathis reported expenses of \$1,269.30, income of \$80.00, current balance of \$7,294.78
 - b. Curator's report - J Tong reported that he contacted the State of Michigan Library regarding the *Berkley Tribune*. They have a full run microfilm copy of the local newspaper from 1923 to 1925. J Tong is working with the Library to get the microfilm digitized whereby the Museum pay the cost. The State of Michigan Library will get a copy.

J Tong moved that we spend no more than \$250.00 for digitizing the *Berkley Tribune* microfilm. D. Hunter 2nd - UNAN. Tong mentioned a vendor, but D. Carlson offered to look for other digitizing vendors to do this work.

The meeting with the Chamber of Commerce took place with about 15 members in attendance. BHM members in attendance were, S Hansen, G Rubright, W Mathis and J Tong.

- A Cub Scouts Troop and their parents visited the museum.
6. Old Business:
 - a. Past Perfect - J Tong reported that he tried to purchase Past Perfect but was informed that a credit card was necessary to complete the transaction. Our AASLH membership will also have to be renewed to get the discount price.
 - b. Mug for BHS Reunion - The BHS class of 1956 wishes to purchase 144 mugs with the photo of the Berkley Sugar Bowl for \$3.95 each. If they do not sell them all, J Tong moved that the BHC purchase the remainder of the mugs at \$3.95. G Rubright amended that the BHM

will purchase the mugs and H. Hames 2nd. **[Then there was an amendment to the motion (of buying back the mugs from the Class of 1956) that we pay for half of the mugs at \$3.95 each.]**

D. Carlson moved that we pay for 72 mugs at \$3.95 each for a total of \$284.40. D. Hunter 2nd - UNAN

- c. Berkley Days - J Tong reported that originally, due to the condition of the Berkley Arena, no crafters were permitted to participate this year. After some discussion with the Berkley Days Committee, it was suggested that the crafters would be allowed to set up tents around the exterior perimeter of the Arena. Currently, a decision was made to use the Community Center for the crafters and the Museum. More information is forthcoming.
- d. Plaques for museum displays - The plaques look professional. M.C. Mueller suggested a larger font with bold lettering.

7. New Business

- a. Gift Acquisitions - J Tong reported the following donations:
 - 1 steel plate from a water softener manufactured in Berkley
 - 1 rocking chair approximately 100 years old
 - File with information about the Berkley cyclotron
 - BHS memorabilia from the 1960s

D Carlson moved to accept these donations, V Stole 2nd - UNAN

- b. J Tong proposed that our textile (clothes) collection be organized, inventoried, stored and preserved properly. K Schmeling, D Carlson and V Stol will assist J Tong with this project.
- c. Art Bash - S Richardson submitted application for BHC participation in the Berkley Art Bash, which will take place on June 8th. She is awaiting confirmation.
- d. G Rubright commented that the McCarty Team created a very high-quality video series on the history of Berkley, which will provide exceptional PR for the Museum. Rubright suggested we show appreciation by presenting them with a plaque honoring their work. Discussion ensued as to whether we should honor the McCarty Team for this project. G Rubright moved to purchase a plaque to present to the McCarty Team, spending no more than \$100, D Carlson 2nd. Roll call resulted in 9 yes, 1 no. A subcommittee was created to work on the plaque design; H Hames, D Carlson and G Rubright.
- e.
- f. Sunday volunteer schedule
- g. Meeting Schedule - The next meeting of the Berkley Historical Committee is scheduled for April 14, 2019 at 4:00 pm

8. Good and welfare

J Tong provided an update as to the status of D Milnar.

- 9. Adjourn - K Schmeling moved to adjourn, D Carlson 2nd, UNAN. Meeting adjourned at 5:47.