

Union County Historical Society
“Exploring Union County’s Past to Inform the Present and Future”
Board Meeting
14 July 2020

Bruce Teeple called the meeting to order through Zoom at 6:30 p.m. with Louise Knight, Sarah Mahoney (ex officio), Mike Molesevich, Eli Reiff, Darren Rhyne, Kathy Swope, Bruce Teeple, and Matt Wagner participating, thus constituting a quorum to conduct business.

- Phyllis Dyer, Conor Emery (ex officio), Barb Franck, Mary Kay Harper, and Jeff Reber were unable to participate.

Secretary’s Report

- On a motion by Louise and Kathy, the Board approved the minutes of the May Board meeting as submitted.

Treasurer’s and Financial & Programming Administrator’s Report

- Online viewing of bank accounts - Matt has arranged for designated Board members to view our bank accounts.
- IRS penalty – Dan and Matt will speak with political representatives and Brubaker’s to appeal for forgiveness and reimbursement. UCHS has also applied for extending submission of our 2019 form. The Board will make final arrangements at our September meeting.
- PHMC grant – Dan reported that the check should arrive next week.
- Update on bill from county (see report)
- Update on insurance coverage (see report). Louise also offered to review the policy.
- Bruce will schedule a Finance Committee Zoom meeting in August to discuss the 2020 budget.
- Louise suggested sending a general appeal for donations. Dan added that he could post appeals along the Dale’s Ridge Hiking Trail. We will discuss more at the Finance Committee meeting.
- Dan reported that Harrisburg has not yet deposited our check for the highway TODS (Tourist-Oriented Directional Signs). Louise will also check with them.

Archives and Collections

- The committee has scheduled a meeting for July.
- Committee members have made a significant purchase of vintage postcards.

Membership

- Bruce and Kathy will review the Farm Rental Agreement for possible revisions.
- Bruce and Kathy will review the job descriptions for Dan and Elaine.
- Moving the Annual Fund Campaign to the Fall (May Kay)
- The Membership Committee will schedule a meeting for late August (including Elaine, Sarah and Conor) to address Elaine’s questions.

Outreach

- This year's West End Fair and New Berlin Day still depend on the governor.
- Bruce will post his PowerPoint programs and audio on the UCHS website.
- Louise and Matt suggested posting PBS and other program links, as well as short local history videos and photos and oral descriptions of items in the collections and archives. Sarah recommended using Instagram to reach younger audiences. Kathy added that "Constant Contact" is a good alternative to Facebook.
- Later this week, the Outreach Committee will schedule a Zoom meeting for late August or early September.

Other Business

- After a lively and positive discussion, Bruce and Kathy agreed to submit a draft resolution to Board members later this week for final approval and distribution. This resolution will reaffirm UCHS's mission and avoid taking any overt political positions. The group agreed with Matt's idea to review the wording on the Leroy Monument, so it tells a better story, and then forward the recommended language to the proper authorities.

On a motion by Louise and Kathy, the Board adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Next Meetings: 10 September and 10 November, 6:30 p.m.