

Union County Historical Society
“Exploring Union County’s Past to Inform the Present and Future”
Board Meeting
January 2021

Bruce Teeple called the meeting to order with the following participants: Phyllis Dyer, Barb Franck, Susan Rapp, Jeff Reber, Eli Reiff, Darren Rhyne, Kathy Swope, and Matt Wagner, thus constituting a quorum to conduct business. Mary Kay Harper, Lonnie Hill, and Mike Molesevich were unable to attend.

Also present were Dan Bower and Susan Chlebowski.

Bruce began by welcoming new Board members, Susan Rapp and Lonnie Hill, as well as our guest, Susan Chlebowski.

Terms of Office – The group agreed with the following term lengths:

Jan. 2021 – Dec. 2023 - Matt, Lonnie, Susan (up for re-election in 2024).

Jan. 2022 – Dec. 2024 - Mary Kay, Barb, Kathy, & Mike will be up for re-election. Jeff Reber chose not to run again.

Jan. 2023 – Dec. 2025 – Bruce, Darren, Phyllis, & Eli up for re-election

Election of Officers

- On a motion by Kathy and Jeff, the Board voted to re-elect Bruce as President.
- On a motion by Matt and Eli, the Board voted to re-elect Kathy as Vice President.
- On a motion by Matt and Kathy, the Board voted to re-elect Eli as Secretary.
- On a motion by Kathy and Susan, the Board voted to re-elect Matt as Treasurer.

Nature School

Susan Chlebowski presented her revised Nature School proposal. The school would meet on the DEW property every Thursday, from February to April, for six hours. After a lengthy discussion, the group approved Matt and Eli’s motion directing Bruce to draft a letter and ask the Nature School to pay a daily \$30 compensation fee for maintenance and utilities.

Approval of November Minutes

On a motion by Eli and Matt, the Board approved the minutes from the November meeting.

Reports from Treasurer and Financial and Programming Coordinator

Matt and Dan reported that UCHS members have responded well to the new membership levels. They also plan to post the reports on the new website, once it’s operational. Matt will shop for the best return on the CD maturing on 17 January.

Access to Bank Accounts and Safe Deposit Box

On a motion by Matt and Eli, the Board unanimously agreed to authorize the same individuals to access all accounts as we had in 2020.

Standing Committee Rosters

Archives & Collections – Matt, Phyllis, Susan, and Dan

DEW – Mike, Bruce, Darren, Eli

Finance – Bruce, Jeff, Mike, Kathy, Matt, Mary Kay, and Dan

Fundraising – Lonnie, Eli, Matt, Kathy, and Dan

Membership – Bruce, Kathy, Matt, Barb, Mary Kay, Dan, and Elaine

Outreach – Bruce, Kathy, Matt, Barb, Eli, Darren, Mike

Ad Hoc Committee

Bruce appointed Matt, Kathy, and Barb to join him on the Nominations Committee.

Committee Reports

Archives & Collections (Matt & Phyllis) – On a motion by Matt and Eli, the Board agreed with the A&C Committee recommendation to deaccession and donate various Lewisburg High School items to the Alumni Association. Matt added that he has sought bids for converting the Oral Traditions tapes to a digital format.

DEW (Mike)

- Survey update – more will be reported at the March Board meeting.

Membership

- Bruce will ask Elaine to compile and disseminate a list of Board members' addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses.
- Kathy and Matt submitted proposals from Firespring and Brett Hosterman on website creation and development. This new site will allow for more flexibility and versatility. Since time is of the essence, Kathy and Matt will join Barb, Dan, Jeff as a subcommittee to investigate and submit final proposals for the Board's approval through email.
- Once the new website is operational, Kathy proposed that we can post mini sessions on researching house histories for a fee (Deeds, Sanborn Maps, Census, etc.) beginning in March. She also suggested that we conduct a trial "members only" Zoom meeting in February with an interesting Union County historical presentation of 30 minutes and any announcements (45 minute maximum)

Outreach

- Bruce reported that Penn State's OLLI and Bucknell's BILL groups plan to have programs at DEW in April.
- He also announced that AASLH has awarded UCHS with a Gold certificate for Mission, Vision and Governance.
- Kathy agreed to serve as liaison with SUN-Tech in awarding the Bill Clemons Scholarship.

Other Business

- Matt, Eli, Kathy, and Dan agreed to join Lonnie in forming a Capital Campaign Exploratory Subcommittee and look for other community members to participate.

On a motion by Eli and Barb, the meeting adjourned at 8:15.

NEXT MEETING ON THURSDAY, 11 MARCH, AT 6:30 P.M.