



Dublin Historical Society Board Meeting Agenda/Minutes

January 10, 2023

6:30 PM Dublin Justice Center

Attendees: Clay Rose (President), Nicholas Vesha (Vice President), Katie Guehl (secretary) Perry Orange (Trustee), Tom Holton (former President), Amy Kramb (City Council and former President), Mike Jewell (ARB Liaison), Virgil Mathias (Guest), Lisa Wilson-Schoning (City Liaison)

I. Call to Order-Clay Rose

II. Meeting Minutes

a. Vote to approve of meeting minutes from: November 15, 2022

Perry motioned, Nicholas second. Passed.

III. Acting Treasurer's Report: Nick motioned to approve. Perry second. Passed.

a. Vote to approve treasurer's report:

b. Donation from Ross Foundation (Catherine Ross Loveland)

c. Discussion on how the "Old Fashioned Christmas" was a large fundraiser and hasn't been done in a few years. The bed tax was a one time grant.

d. we have some Venmo money that needs to be transferred over to the treasurer's report.

III. Updates on activities

A. North Riverview St Properties - Tom Holton

The city was supposed to collaborate with a firm who was interested in all of the properties. An update is needed on this proposal. Last meeting on this was in August. Currently the city owns all of the properties.

B. Muirfield Garden Club relationship - Tom Holton

C. Sells Documents - Clay/Tom

Virgil found some documents on Ebay that belonged to the Sells family. Several documents related to John Sells estate 1840's. Tom transcribed the documents. The documents contain information about how his land was divided among his descendants. Took hours to transcribe.

D. Time Capsule contents received Clay/Tom:

Thalia Johanssen (former school board member) has donated a time capsule 1870 (jar) buried in the foundation of the 3 story school/community building (Washington Township Building). A letter within the time capsule explains the significance of the items in the capsule including letters and items. E. Tuller. We have records of the excavation which were documented in the Columbus Citizen-Journal from 1970 which describes the items in the jar. Working with school students to share out the findings and talk of a display at the library would be desired. The building stood for 100 years. [Time capsule details can be found here.](#) Tom was working on how to accession these items as it may need to be handled with a federal organization? Katie discussed a need to get all of the recently acquired items in the database and that she needs to add the donation forms that are digital templates someone could fill out online if needed to be added to the database.

E. Discussion on the November annual meeting: The dinner went well at the Rec Center. Food was catered by Giant Eagle. Hoping to move the dinner back to the Community Church next year as the Dublin Food Pantry has relocated.

IV. Collections Committee (Katie)

a. The website: Our current website has some links that are incorrect and need fixed. The intern never finished the work. The intern made a user-friendly website, but the work wasn't quite done. Could volunteers fix the issues?

b. Project with Dublin Scioto High School: John Witt has agreed to take on a project with his students that involves identifying people/places in our archive photo collection who are/that are unknown. Katie and Tom are working to provide him with needed books, websites, and copies of photos so that he can begin work on this project spring of 2023 and continuing into the 2023-2024 school year.

c. Records Room-

d. Ron Geese offer of donation-Ran out of time to discuss this fully.

V. Architectural Review Board (Mike) Tucci's wanted to put in a covered patio and an additional patio. These ideas were turned down as the property is already over the easement. Permits are being worked on for 36/38 N. High Street which will be retail and residential, donut shop coming. Stone building. Discussion of a stone wall nearby which has been eroding is another issue the city is going to have to address.

VI. Future Location of DHS Offices - Virgil

How motivated are we to get a location for a museum? We ultimately would like to obtain a space. Desire to build volunteers stated. Discussion of David Richards' company who manages the lease for the Richards house. The city was leasing the space and subleased the property as far as we know. Nicholas discusses that in order to grow as a society, we need a space. A desire to share what we have needs to be shown to the city. We need to put together a business plan to show what we could offer the city if we want to move forward with the city. The state offers 2 grants each year for educational money for capital improvements. Partial and full grants are awarded. \$175,000-200,000 in monies to give away at the state level. March 31st deadline for the 60/40 grant through the state of Ohio certified local governments. The city would have to sponsor our grant. A match can be volunteer hours or monetary. Fundraising would have to occur. List needed for grants. Amy will send out a grant information list. Nick will be working on reapplying for the old grant that wasn't accepted because of Covid. It is not certain what the city would contribute as they already have the Coffman house they pay to maintain. If the society creates a tourist attraction, how much would the city contribute is unknown. Virgil discusses how there are many places around the state for us to use as a benchmark. Pickaway County Genealogical Library is a good goal for the city of Dublin. They have a virtual tour to view here. If we have a space, we can offer programs to the community. Being part of the library would have been ideal. Amy suggests we resubmit our former grant to improve our records room, and work towards a grant for a space for March 2024. We can then work towards a business plan for a space.

VII. Schedule for Coffman Homestead Open Houses Planned for:

May 7, June 11, July 9, August 13, September 10 1:00-3:00

A. Consider programs in conjunction with Open House (in Barn) We used to host programs regularly. We could do a program at the Davis Cabin. Discussion of making sure we continue events that the public is made aware of. Programs could be in the schoolhouse and could be published in the spring rec center bulletin. If programs were listed as a class, we may get more participation. The schoolhouse is small, so other locations could be used.

Coffman Homestead construction, O'Shaughnessy Dam construction, Time Capsule possible program ideas.

VIII. Schedule for walking tours: Friday evenings were most popular. May 5th, June 9th, July 7th, August 11th 5:00-6:00 PM \$10 Donation requested needs to be included in the media for the tours! The Venmo QR code for Clay to take on his tours would be beneficial.

IX. April 15 Presentation to City of Dublin Volunteers in Historic District: 4 part series on volunteering and why. Tom and Clay will talk about the importance of/ volunteerism in Dublin throughout history. Clay meeting with Christine Nardechia Jan 27 to work out details This event will take place at the Grounds of Remembrance and the cemetery. There is a 4 part series through the city to introduce volunteers to the importance of volunteerism throughout the history of our city.

X. Membership and dues discussion, Access to database: Discussion on how to access documents in our Google Suite was discussed. Training is needed for some members to learn to access information. Info@dublinohiohistory.org is the general account for the historical society. Tom, Clay, and Amy currently have access to this email address where requests and questions can be fielded and shared. It is our admin account. Further training is needed for board members within our Google suite and Perry Orange asked to be added to the management account so that he can directly access tour requests. At the March meeting we need a tutorial for all members. Our entire email contact list exists in our info@dublinohiohistory.org. Katie was given the password to add new members.

XI. Membership Incentives: Virgil brought up ideas to boost membership, get high school students involved. A list of ideas to increase manpower was discussed. Do we need to pair up with the city for volunteers? We are on the city volunteer list of options. We need to make sure we have a list of things people could do. Do we need to get a list together and reach out to the city about specific jobs we need done? Dublin's Journey Books-What can we do with these? How many of these are still out there and could be given out? Copies were going to be delivered to John Witt at the high school.

XII. Possible Subcommittees for March Consideration: Grants, Programs, Volunteer Boost and Getting our Current Members More Involved

XV. Adjournment

Next meeting: March 14, 2023 - 6:30 P.M. Dublin Justice Center

Future Meeting Dates

March 14, 2023, @ 6:30pm

May 9, 2023, @ 6:30pm

July 11, 2023, @6:30pm

September 12, 2023, @6:30pm

November 14, 2023, @6:30pm