



Dublin Historical Society Board Meeting Minutes

Date: July 11th, 2023

Time and Place: Clay's Patio, Riverforrest

Attendees: Board Members- Board Members- Clay Rose (President), Katie Guehl (secretary), Tom Holton (former President), Mike Jewell (ARB Liaison), Virgil Mathias (Guest), Kevin Simmons, Lisa Wilson-Schoning (City Liaison), Eric Rood (Veterans History Project)

I. Call to Order – Clay Rose

II. Meeting Minutes

a. Vote to approve of meeting minutes from: May: Virgil motions, Katie seconds. Passes

III. Acting Treasurer's Report

a. Clay reviews the current report. Vote to approve treasurer's report: passes

IV. Updates on activities

A. Coffman House visits: 3 at April, 3 at June, Walking tours 3 in June and 3 in July

B. June 13th presentation on Davis Eckert Shooting by Tom and Ashleigh at Justice Center-improvements have been made to the presentation

C. Dublin Library Local History Day: Saturday, November 4th, 10:00-2:00 The day is an opportunity to have Dublin residents come in and speak about growing up in Dublin. They are also allowing community members to scan family memorabilia. Round table discussions. The library has currently done the program in the Hilltop Area of Columbus and has an event scheduled in Hilliard for September. Reaching out to Hilliard ahead of time would be helpful. We will have tables set up for both membership, displays, and presentations.

D. Eric Rood: videographer for programs and oral histories/ interviews. [See an article about Eric's work here.](#) He heads up the Veterans History Project. Eric is willing to do recordings for the society and for our local history day in Nov.

E. Upcoming opportunity: Tony Ricci: America 250, July 4th 2026 A group is preparing for future independence day and would like to partner with us to prepare for this celebration. More details in future meetings.

F. July meeting with Michael from City of Dublin regarding Coffman House sidewalks-city will put in new sidewalks going all the way around the house. The new walk is going in by the end of 2023. A ramp will be installed on the west side of the property. Tom reviewed the needs of both the Coffman House and the Davis Cabin to resubmit to the city.

V. Collections Committee (Katie)

- A. Tom met with Pat Grabill about Odd Fellows: he is donating both (2) poster-sized framed posters that were "stolen" by Willard Grizzell. The posters. [See the photos here.](#)
- B. Recent proposal at the Dublin Library to store the archives at the Dublin Library was turned down. Asks to have a case or partner with the library more are under review with the CML but didn't show much promise. Possible locations in the downtown area were discussed.
- C. Recent orders: some archives supplies
- D. Progress in archives room
- E. Meeting with storage company to assess needs (3-4 companies)
- F. Grant money use-map case, a few supplies, taking dvds/flash drive items and making them digital

VI. Architectural Review Board (Mike) Brown Harris Cemetery moved forward with monument fencing, all other issues are residential, James Davis house expansion on the back, south high street 83 also a back expansion approved

VII. Virgil membership: set up a booth at Saturday Farmer's Market-gained some new subscribers to the newsletter and one membership. Gale Holton has agreed to redo the brochure. 1200 people to Chamber subscription and we can do a one time push for advertisement. Discussion of having an added section on the Dublin weekly emails. We need a newsletter review. Who can do our newsletter moving forward? Is a new template needed? Amy-what is the current format and does it need to be used? Our website is managed by Amy. Kevin and Katie discuss reaching out to the high schools to get media help for our website, newsletter, etc. Virgil is suggesting trying to get some corporate sponsors. We are wondering how many responses Perry got when he reached out to members.

VII. Other Issues

VIII. How can we get our open houses added to Dublin News Now? Ferris Wright Historical Interpreters Open House on June 8th edition

IX. Ohio History Fund Grant: Due Sept. 12th. Katie will start grant work.

X. John Leppert fireplace at Davis Cabin-John Leppert will start work soon on creating a realistic-looking fireplace. John is funding the project. Discussion of putting vinyl flooring in the cabin is a future possibility. Katie will try to price out inexpensive flooring.

XI. The cabin at the arts council is going to be constructed soon. Tom met with the Arts Council and no one is sure who will do the educational part of the new cabin.

XII. June 23rd meeting with Mayor Jane Fox/Tony Rucci of America 250 celebration and Abdoulaye Dieng of Mike Carey's office to discuss DHS participation in America 250 celebration.

XII. 7 homes in North Riverview potential development (homes that are being rehabilitated). 3 of the properties are up for auction. The city is willing to take one of the properties off of the auction. As of July 31st, we have to make our opinion known. Perhaps the city would lease the building. 27 North High Street: Virgil makes a motion to approve the city taking it off the auction. Kevin seconds. Historical Society will help with grant writing, assessing the property for us and helping put together a cost estimate. Possible donations from the Grand Leprechauns discussed.

XIII. Eric Rood guest speaks about his video skills in recording some of our programs, and some of the people. Voice overs on powerpoints programs is being offered. Eric can help with group tours in downtown Dublin.

Clay out of town, but returns July 30th

XII. Adjournment

XIII. Next meeting: August 8th, 2023 2:30 pm at the North High Brewing Company, Dublin