

WARREN HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting

April 20, 2022 Research Center

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** 6:05 pm
- II. ROLL CALL:** Sue Keffer, Chris Werner, David Rent, Becky Hetchler, Madelyn Zamora Ex-Officio Angela Rogensues Puja Deb had explained to Sue that she cannot attend meetings.
- III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** Accepted with 1 addition. Motion by David, seconded by Becky. Motion passed.
- IV. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** Accepted with 0 corrections. Motion by Becky, seconded by David. Motion passed.
- V. REPORTS**
 - A. Chairman:** Sue stated that she informed the mayor that Puja has not attended any meetings. Angela stated that we may vote to expel Puja from the Commission. **i. Collections:** Sue restated that we are out of room for any more donations. Becky said that money would be needed to move our storage offsite. She said that the request for storage funding is included in the new budget. Becky also stated that we have to get more active commissioners. There was a discussion of the possibility of a museum in a location other than the Community Center. That would require a paid staff member. **ii. Election of Officers:** Sue said that it is time for an election of officers. This will take place at the May meeting.
 - B. Treasurer:** **i. Treasurer's Report:** Becky reviewed the April Purchase Order Status and Financial Reports. She stated that the City Council had never approved a donation from Madelyn. A motion was made by Madelyn, seconded by David to reimburse Becky in the amount of \$11.79 for bottled water. Motion passed. A motion was made by Madelyn, seconded by Chris, to spend up to \$35 for shipping labels and batteries. Motion passed. A motion was made by Madelyn, seconded by David, to spend up to \$275 for archival boxes and DVD storage boxes. Motion passed. Becky stated we still need to find a Ukrainian flag for the gallery. Our oldest desiccant are no longer working so a motion was made by Madelyn, seconded by Chris, to spend up to \$15 for new ones. Motion passed. Becky stated that we are in need of a USB memory card storage box. Also, items stored in tubes should be wrapped first in archival paper. Motion by Chris, seconded by David, to receive and file Treasurer's report. Motion passed. **ii. Budget meeting with Mayor:** Sue and Chris attended the meeting. The Mayor would like a museum if the new downtown becomes a reality. There wouldn't be enough storage. Sue stated that the budget was approved by administration. **iii. Budget meeting with City Council:** City Council has not scheduled a meeting with us. Angela will check on it.
 - C. Secretary:** **i. Correspondence:** Madelyn reported no new correspondence.
 - D. i. Publicity/Facebook – WH&GS:** Sue stated that she needs another signer on the checking account and that she is still trying to get debit cards. Chris helped a citizen get information on some of the former Schoenherr property.
 - E. Warren Historical & Genealogical Society:** **i. Bunert Schoolhouse:** Chris reported that the storage fee for Bunert contents is paid off and that the items have been returned by the remediation company. There are a few items missing and two showcases were badly damaged. Since the company agreed to accept the \$12,900 for storage that we got from the insurance company,

probably no action will be taken on the missing and damaged items. Chris will get a list of all items that the company removed and stored so that an incoming inventory can be compared to that list. **a. Fundraiser** – Nothing new at this time. **b. Website Update:** Chris is working on this.

F. Village Commission: Madelyn attended the April VHDC meeting. They approved the \$350 expenditure for the leveling of the Crawford headstone which is leaning badly. Cindy spoke with the Oakland County Drain Commission re the north-side fence which was again damaged by a falling tree limb. The fence should be replaced but the City told Cindy that they have “no fence contract”. The weathervane from the old gazebo in the Mound Rd. median has been located at the Village Hall. Madelyn took pictures and will send to the DDA director to see if it could be placed in the roof of the new gazebo in Beebe Park. There is a house on Flynn that may be a “drug house”. Atty. Sullivan will look into that. The application permit subcommittee will be meeting soon. Sue & Madelyn attended the Historic Village Steering Committee meeting. Many exciting ideas were proposed and they were asked to review the entire proposal and submit comments and questions by May 20. Another meeting will then be scheduled.

G. MCHA Report: Chris and Sue will attend the MCHA annual meeting on April 30. Chris reported that the MMA workshop for July will focus on Bunert Museum. There will be about 30 people who will confer in Rm. A of the community center but will take a “field trip” to Bunert. We are to come up with 5 themes for them to work on. Chris reported that the Library of Michigan will loan flatbed scanners to museums. Sue said she’d spoken to a woman who offered to help digitize our materials. Becky asked what she would charge. Sue will get more info.

H. Council of Commissions: Chris reported that they will meet on April 24 but that attendance is poor.

VI. HISTORICAL GALLERY & RESEARCH CENTER:

A. Museum: i. Reentry: Dino has stated that we can open but he has no staff to keep an eye on the museum.

B. Hall Display: Madelyn reported that Oz cleaned the windows in the showcases in preparation for the Warren Con art projects being put on display from April 24 through the end of May. They will be removed following the awards presentation in the auditorium. Dino will open the gallery and move the blockade down the hall so that parents, teachers and administrators can visit the gallery when they come to see the artworks display.

VII. OLD BUSINESS: Becky reported that she’d located the text of the original audio recordings that were used at the kiosks in the gallery. Changes have been made over the years. The original text will be kept and compared to the current recordings. **A. Historical Marker:** Nothing new at this time.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS: Chris suggested places to think about for the gallery: 1) The old fire station building on Van Dyke, 2) Base Line Feed Store building, 3) Pampa Lanes building

IX. NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be Wed. May 18, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. (unless otherwise notified) at the Research Center.

X. OPEN DISCUSSION: No new discussion.

XI. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm. Motion by Becky; seconded by Madelyn. All agreed.