

Canal Fulton Heritage Society

Monthly Board Meeting

October 3, 2011

Location: Hatfield Real Estate

Time: 7:00pm

Called to Order: 7:12pm

Present: John Hatfield (presiding), *Trustees* James Deans, Dennis Downing, Greg Mayberry, Ed Shuman, *Admin. Asst.*, Robert Hodges Linda Keillor (*excused*)

Approval of minutes: (*no Sept meeting was held,*) Greg *moved to accept* the minutes James Deans *seconded, approved by all*

Officer's Reports: President: New renters at Wm. Blank House: the renters have met all our recent requests and all are pleased. Another new renter, a "Health & Wellness System Analyst," has moved into the front room with the turret and we have split the closet for their use (Rm 202.) **Wm. Blank House garage:** With the passing of Tom Filicky, Mrs. McArdle's, son-in-law, the ownership of the garage behind the Wm. Blank House passes to the Canal Fulton Heritage Society. Mr. Filicky's son-in-law would like to lease the middle stall of the garage as he has a car in there that he is restoring. Ed Shuman started whatever we do lets get the wagon in the garage and out of the yard at the Oberlin House. After discussion about the leasing John tabled until he was able to talk to the Son-in-law. Ed offered to send sympathy card to family. Jim Deans *moved we donate \$50* along with the card, Greg *seconded and offered \$50 of his own, all in favor and was approved.* **Wm. Blank house upgrades:** 5ton of gravel was delivered to the house to create a driveway alongside the garage into the backyard. John was able to get assistance to spread, it turned out to be pretty deep with gravel, but John was able to pack it down with several passes with his truck. Dragonfly Tea room asked for approval of a sign through HPC. John made it known to them that the CFHS has the final say whether or not it is put up and should be consulted before going to HPC.

Administrative Report: The financial statement was provided by Robert Hodges. (*Various points were discussed, most regarding the facilities, and are more appropriately reflected below under Building Maintenance.*) **The report was reviewed and approved.**

Committee Reports: Historic Preservation Committee: (Linda was not present/excused) The Dragonfly Tea Room had made a sign request and Buck Chevrolet sign was discussed, no other detail were provided. **Arts Committee:** Ed had no update, there had not been a meeting for several weeks; fundraising has been in progress. **Marketing,** Dennis sent out information to merchants about post cards and postcard racks (possibly \$20 ea.) Also discussed selling them to interested resellers as a kit, post cards / stand. **Building Maintenance:** Fisk Roofing will be addressing the roofs of our properties; they are experienced in slate/shingle/and shake. This will use the insurance money we have in our PNC General Checking account. Gas and Electric costs have increased, it was mentioned that we need to get in on the aggregation with the City. There was concern about a water leak at the Wm. Blank House; John found no leak upon review of the property. The basement shower area at the Wm. Blank House was releasing an odor; Greg suggested that simply filling the trap of the drain with water may take care of this. **Canal Boat:** It is time to arrange dry docking for the boat after the last runs Oct 9. We will plan for the week of Oct 10-14.

Old Business: none was brought forward

New Business: Wedding at the Oberlin House: There was an inquiry about renting the house for an hour on Dec. 22 to hold a small ceremony (6 people counting the bride and groom.) Ed *moved we approve with Dennis to work out the details,* Jim Deans *seconded, all were in favor.*

Announcements / Additional Notes: Wm. Stetler, *Superintendent NW School,* Has a photo of what is purported to be a stone from the old 1855 local School. He is asking for our help to identify and authenticate this stone. Marvin Hardgrove (Lawrence Twp trustee,) provided Robert a picture. It was suggested a meeting with Mr. Stetler and Mr. Hardgrove would be in order to find out all the details and offer our assistance. Ed has agreed to join the meeting as a representative of the CFHS. Ed also mentioned having heard of this stone before. The school is looking for a significant artifact from the old Canal Fulton Schools and from the old Clinton School to be built into the new Gymnasium that is being constructed at the current High School.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned @ 8:33 pm

Next Meeting: scheduled for Nov 7, 2011, 7:00pm @ Hatfield Real Estate