

Hamilton County Historical Society
June 2023 Board Meeting
Tuesday June 6th, 2023, 7:00PM
Hamilton County Museum and Sheriffs Residence
810 Conner Street
Noblesville, IN 46060

Members:

Diane Nevitt	Museum Director		
David Heighway	Hamilton County Historian*		
Nancy Massey	Hamilton County Genealogist [Z]		
Jessica Layman	President	Vernon Young	Treasurer
Katherine Murray	Vice President	Sandra Lynch	Secretary
Dan Dunham	Member	Bryan Glover	Member
Sharon McMahan	Member	Janet Phillips	Member
Stanton Renner	Member	Dale Unger	Member
Dottie Young	Member	* Absent [Z] Present via Zoom	

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Jessica Layman

Minutes of the May meeting were handed out to all members to review. Motion was made by Stanton Renner to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Bryan Glover.

Museum Directors Report – Diane Nevitt

Diane shared that visitation continues to increase as the weather gets warmer. There were 115 visitors during the month of May 2023.

Upcoming Tour – Thursday August 10th, 2023

Noblesville Newcomers will have a group come through that day. They expect about 60 members to be here for the tour that day.

Hamilton County Historian Report – David Heighway

Davis is currently working on many history projects for the Bicentennial. He is making some short videos that he filmed at the Museum.

City of Noblesville Trailblazers are updated monthly. For May 2023 Tie Loy, the first Chinese immigrant to live in Noblesville and Lucius Wainwright, cyclist & Diamond Chain Company Founder were added. To read more about these Trailblazers, visit:

<https://www.cityofnoblesville.org/topic/subtopic.php?topicid=643&structureid=1>

Hamilton County Genealogist – Nancy Massey

Friday June 23rd, Westfield Washington Library 10:00 to 4:00

Family History and Activity Day. Nancy will present how to get started on your family tree. Quaker records, military records, and information on how to use Ancestry.com and Indiana State Library sources.

Presidents Report – Jessica Layman

Jessica is working on a project with Susan Lucas and Robert Boling about Germantown. Looking for former families who lived there before it was turned into Geist Reservoir, and looking to put up a Marker there for Germantown. This will be a program at the library for topic. It will be on a Saturday September 23rd, 2023 and begin at 11:00AM.

<https://hepl.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=68110&et=2&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2023/09/01>

Treasurers Report – Vernon Young

Old Business

Work is coming along on the outside exhibit. Vendors have been contacted to get quotes on what the outside exhibit would cost. Bryan Glover asked about the budget for this project, it is noted we have no outside funding for this project.

Proposed Pairs - Themes based on AASLH 250th Celebrations

- Revolutions and Innovations:
 - Ryan White and Haymond Clark - medical advancements throughout the years (pursuit of life and liberty) - connect to founding documents
 - Martha Talbert and John Rhodes - the role of slavery and abolition in Hamilton County
- Power of Place:
 - Josiah Durfee and Earl Brooks - how the landscape has changed over time
 - Beatrice O’Niel and William Dudley Pelley - newspapers connect the two (the role of newspapers in informing the citizenship and defining our spaces)
- We the People (citizenship):
 - Mekinges and Tie Loy - defining citizenship for different groups
 - Milton Roberts and Murphy White - African Americans and the right to vote and run for office
- American Experiment (government):
 - Helen Worley Cromell and Willis Venable - two different sides of the law
 - Frances B. Cogswell and Meade Vestal - military support and its connection to the government
- Doing History (public involvement):

- History of Hamilton County Historical Society (3 groups)
- Notable historians throughout the years – Shirts, Haines, Robbins, Burgess
- Various county historical organizations

Our featured Bicentennial Event is coming along and getting everything ready for the July 22nd, 2023 date.

Indiana Historical Society will set up voting exhibit outside on the lawn.

'Teddy Roosevelt' will set have a lawn game set up outside for kids after he his speech.

Videographer for the event will be there from Hamilton County Bicentennial Committee.

We are checking to see if we can video the actors when they give their speeches.

Farmers Market on June 15th and July 15th. HCHS will need to host the booth these days.

New Business:

UnSeen Press Ghost Walk and Tour in June. Michael and Nicole Kobrowski donated over \$500 to HCHS from their June event. Sandra noted that the Kobrowski's donated 100% of the fees they get from this tour to us at HCHC.

Next walking tour is Saturday July 22nd, 2023 at 9:00 PM.

Next event at the Sheriff's residence will be Saturday September 9th.

Vernon Young volunteered to do the 10:00 PM to Midnight shift.

Noblesville Township Office is gathering information from local businesses on the history of their buildings. They may do a podcast after this is completed.

Janet Gilroy - ????

Meeting ended at 8:11 PM. Motion was made by Katie Murray and seconded by Stanton Renner

NEXT MEETING – NEW TIME and NEW PLACE

Tuesday July 11th, 2023 Due to July 4th being the first Tuesday.

6:30 PM - Moved up the meeting time by 30 minutes, due to library closing at 8PM.

Place : Hamilton East Public Library

1 Library Plaza, Noblesville, IN 46060 [Cumberland Road]