

# Hamilton County Historical Society

July 2023 Board Meeting  
Tuesday July 11th, 2023, 6:30PM  
Hamilton East Public Library  
1 Library Plaza  
Noblesville, IN 46060

## Membership:

Diane Nevitt	Museum Director*
David Heighway	Hamilton County Historian*
Nancy Massey	Hamilton County Genealogist*

Jessica Layman	President*
Kate Murray	Vice President*
Vernon Young	Treasurer*
Sandra Lynch	Secretary*

Dan Dunham*	Bryan Glover*
Sharon McMahon*	Janet Phillips*
Stanton Renner*	Dale Unger*
Dottie Young*	

\*Indicates member was present. All board members were present.

Meeting was called to order by President Jessica Layman at 6:30 PM.

Minutes of the June 2023 minutes were given to all members. Motion to accept minutes was made by Stanton Renner and seconded by Bryan Glover.

## Museum Directors Report – Diane Nevitt

June 2023 – There were 160 visitors to the Museum.

## Upcoming Tour groups:

August 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2023 [Tuesday]	Noblesville Newcomers Group
October 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2023 [Friday]	Great Lakes Group
September 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2023 [Saturday]	Unseen Press Ghost Hunt

## Facility Updates

The board members and volunteers really stepped up to clean and get the building ready for our Bicentennial event.

Smoke Detector – needs replaced in the entry way, will schedule with Safety Company.

**Ladder** - There is a ladder in the basement that was purchased over twenty years ago, it is not from Hamilton County and too big to use in our building. The Motion was made by David Heighway and seconded by Dottie Young. All agreed that this can be given to UnSeen Press for all that they do for us.

**Storage** – Looking for more storage for our artifacts and exhibits as they are rotated. Suggestion to use a side of one of the floors of jail cells and closed to the public.

### **Treasurer’s Report – Vernon Young**

KeyBank Checking Account Balance \$5,567.28

Several significant deposits from different sources in June.

1] Dues payments of	\$692.00
2] Donations from museum visitors and members	\$178.00
3] Unseen Press donation for museum usage	\$525.00
4] Sales of Bicentennial books netted	\$171.00
5] Grant from CICF	\$266.00

Expenses:

Discount copies for \$175.00

KeyBank Savings \$18,420.35

Stifel Investments

End of June \$164,898.69

Of the above total, we hold \$12,422.93 in cash equivalents.

End of May \$159,540.30

Increase of \$5,358.39 in June 2023

Hamilton county Historian – David Heighway

A podcast from Conner Prairie – **This is Problematic!**

Conner Prairie brings you the straight up facts of the history still affecting us today! We hold no punches getting to the core of the problems of the past and their ramifications. Come sit with us, and our guests, as we take a journey through problematic history. You can listen to it on all the regular podcast outlets. Spotify – Apple – Google

Get the ‘Dirt’ on Sheridan from David’s monthly video:

<https://www.facebook.com/hamcoturns200/videos/977539196727922>

The July **Trailblazers** on the City of Noblesville site are:

Eva Stewart – First African American Graduate of Noblesville High School

Norman Norell – International Fashion Designer

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

Juneteen Celebration at Conner Prairie

<https://www.connerprairie.org/juneteenth/>

Celebrate 200 years of the Arts in Hamilton County

Nickel Plate Arts

<https://nickelplatearts.org/event/noblesville-nostalgia-presented-by-nickel-plate-arts-2/>

## **Presidents Report - Jessica Layman**

Going over everything for our July 22<sup>nd</sup> event

Museum Preparations –

Final clean up at the museum on Friday July 21<sup>st</sup> 9:30 AM.

The actors and their presentation are all finalized.

Photo Booth – all finalized.

Ice Cream Social - All is finalized.

Lease meeting with the Hamilton County Commissioners Staff

July 11th, 2023, at the Hamilton County Courthouse – Initial meeting, Jessica had some language that she wanted to update in the lease:

Hours of operation

Informing all parties when there are improvements that exceed \$1,000 worth of work  
Standards of the Secretary of the Interiors for National Registry of Historic Places must apply to work done on the inside and outside of the Historic Sheriff's Residence and Jail.

Any renovation projects or changes to the building, no matter the cost or reason, must be communicated to both parties.

Hamilton County Buildings and Grounds personnel must communicate to the director of the HCHS Museum, who must then communicate to the board of the Hamilton County Historical Society.

### **New Business:**

**Stanton Renner** is going to look at having a bus tour to the Sheridan Historical Society in October. The tour may go to more places than just Sheridan, he is just starting on that.

**Website** – Sandy stated she has been working on the website getting it updated. Goals for this are to standardize our fonts, colors that we use on the website, and put the same fonts and colors to use in the museum as our brand so that there is consistency. This will be a board decision going forward. Will be putting some oral history shorts on the site, genealogy hints, preservation notes, different tabs will be utilized to accomplish this going forward.

**Location** of the Board meetings at the library. All members appreciate that the library lets us use this room for our meetings once a month. Everyone indicated that they liked this new location for meetings.

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:45PM**