

Hamilton County Historical Society
October 2023 Board Meeting
Tuesday October 3rd, 2023, 6:30PM
Hamilton East Public Library
1 Library Plaza
Noblesville, IN 46060

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

Jessica Layman	President
Katherine Murray	Vice President
Vernon Young	Treasurer
Sandra Lynch	Secretary

Dan Dunham	Member Z
Brian Glover	Member
Sharon McMahan	Member
Janet Phillips	Member
Stan Renner	Member
Dale Unger	Member
Dottie Young	Member*

*Indicates member was absent
Z Indicates member on Zoom
Quorum is present.

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

Guest Speaker: Brad Beaver Hamilton County Councilman

Mr. Beaver was here in his role as owner of an HVAC company for many years. He was here to present us with options and to answer any questions we had about adding heat source to the Jail cells in our museum on the first and second floors. Those two floors have been without heat for several years. He talked about the differences between baseboard heating and the mini split units that we are considering offering both the positive and negative points on each. Mr. Beaver stated that he was at this meeting to offer his expertise, and he will not be seeking a quote on this project.

Kate Murray, Vernon Young, Dale Unger and Sandra Lynch will discuss with Steve Wood and the staff at Hamilton County Building and Grounds. We will be sharing the information we have

gotten from businesses that have quoted for us and seeking his advice to see if he recommends that we get a quote from any other companies and how he sees that we should proceed.

Guest Speaker: Kevin Yaney Civil War / Veterans Day

Kevin Yaney has always had a fascination with history, especially American history surrounding some of the most turbulent times of the past. There is no more troubling time in U.S. history than the American Civil War. Mr. Yaney has written many books. He has a series titled The Fourth of July trilogy. He invited us to a Veterans Day Event where he will be speaking at the Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville. November 11th, 2023. It begins at 11:00 AM. This event is open to the public and free of charge. He has several podcasts about the Civil War and you can find the links to those at his website. <https://fourthofjulybook.com/>.

Secretary's Report – Sandra Lynch Secretary

Minutes of the September meeting was sent to all Board Members electronically. There were no additions or corrections to these minutes. Motion was made to accept the minutes by Kate Murry and seconded by Sharon McMahon. All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report – Vernon Young Treasurer

Keybank Checking

Current Balance is \$5,687.25

Deposits from September include:

Unseen Press	\$455.00
Donations	270.00
Dues	210.00
Gift Shop Sales	344.50
Pay Pal	173.81

Notable Payments

Noblesville Preservation Alliance \$125.00

Stifel Investments

September Ending Balance	\$147,538.61
Money Market Checking Bal	5,850.53
August Comparison	\$155,786.53

Motion to accept was made by Stanton Renner and seconded by Bryan Glover. All were in favor.

Director's Report – Diane Nevitt

In September we hosted four different groups from North Elementary. The groups started coming in at 9:00am and were done by 1:00 PM. The group including students, faculty and parents, totaled about 120 that came through that day.

The security system is now fixed. They came out for the third and final time this month and finally found the cause was a loose wire and that has been repaired. Cleaning was done in the museum, all of the flooring was vacuumed and cleaned. There was some more cleaning done in the basement. There is room at the bottom of the stairs now that the large ladder is gone

Historians Report - Jessica Layman

David Heighway is absent this meeting, but Jessica shared that he has been working on a Prohibition event and exhibit at the Fishers Library. Many of the downtown businesses are looking into the history of their buildings. The Indiana Room and their staff is a great resource center for their history.

Vice Presidents Report – Kate Murray

Santa House time is coming up. Kate has been doing some groundwork and will present more information at the November meeting.

Annual Meeting

Kate has reserved Preservation Hall for us for our annual meeting.

This year it will be on a Saturday.

Saturday December 2nd, at Preservation Hall on Logan Street in Noblesville.

Cake and punch will be served

Speaker will be David Heighway doing a report on Frederick Hunt

Presidents Report - Jessica Layman.

Bicentennial Events – Hamilton County Turns 200

End of year event is Sunday December 3rd at Ivy Tech. The event is from 1 to 5 PM

The Bicentennial Committee will have a table set up there selling Hamilton County Turns 200 memorabilia. Kate Murray, Vernon Young and Stanton Renner have volunteered to help at this table during the year end event.

Outdoor exhibit - Looking to get installation completed in 2024

Lease – the county has still not signed the lease. Jessica continues to follow up with them.

Board members who are up for renewal are: Dottie Young, Stanton Renner and David Heighway. Museum Director job description was discussed, will continue discussion at the November meeting.

1954 Senior cords and senior jacket have been donated through a friend of Dale Unger.

Meeting concluded at 8:00 PM