

June 14, 2018

The Cass County Historical Commission was called to order at 4:02 by acting chairman Ron McAdam. Request for the May minutes to be read. Ron asked for acceptance. Abigail Schten made the motion, seconded by Allen Butchbaker. Motion carried. Abigail stated bills to be paid. Ron asked for acceptance of financial report. Al Smouse made the motion, Allen Butchbaker seconded. Motion carried. Chairman asked for motion to accept Abigails report. Al Smouse made the motion, seconded by Barb Burton. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

(1) Newton House flooring and insulation. Ron McAdam spoke of the situation. The upstairs bathroom floor is in need of repair. Ron visited Floor Store L.L.C. in Dowagiac and received an estimate of \$1,259.64..Further discussion by all members suggested other sources for an estimate. Two stores are Judd Lumber and Hales Hardware. Ron will check on these stores.

(2) Ron mentioned terms expiring. Al Palmer, Barbara Burton and Ron McAdam. Al Palmer had stated prior to our meeting he will retire after many years as a member. We are grateful to him for his time and efforts to serve our group. Ron McAdam, Barbara Burton will remain members.

(3) NEW BUSINESS

(1) Al Smouse requested a recommendation for Allen for all his service be given to Al Palmer. Allen Butchbaker made the motion. All members affirmed the motion.

(2) Vote on amending our Historical Commission By-Laws. After further thought by the group, Abigail Schten made a motion to table this discussion on this matter for further consideration. All members agreed. Motion carried.

(3) Acting chairman Ron McAdam read an application to become a member, to fill Al Palmer's resignation. An application very much appreciated, Hooray... Allen Butchbaker and Al Smouse gratefully accepted Jackie Taylors application to Join our group.

(4) Acting chairman Ron Spoke on our budget after speaking with Angie Steinman. We only have \$5,451.29 to last until 9/30/2018.

(5) Chairman Ron mentioned a possible need for Newton House to be repainted. He will give this matter further attention. Also, there is a hole in the foundation of Newton House for Rodents to get into the house.

(6) Tuck Pointing at Red Brick. There is a possible way Cass County Commissioners could be interested in helping with this situation.

(7) Allen Butchbaker mentioned signage for Newton House being attached to the signs at Newton Woods about the forest already in place. Could this be a possibility? Further discussion to follow.

(8) More discussion on the notice of the Cass County Historical Society about our By-Laws. The Historical Commission Has modified the By-Laws of the Cass County Historical Commission to recommend potential members for placement on the Cass County Historical Commission. The Cass County Historical Society may also recommend potential members for placement on the Cass County Historical Commission.

Meeting adjourned 5:08 P.M.

*Sincerely
Sherry Holden*