

The members of the Caseville Historical Society held their monthly meeting on Thursday, August 10, 2017 at Maccabees Hall, 6733 Prospect Street, Caseville, Michigan. There were 20 members and 4 guests present.

President Rich Bass welcomed all in attendance. He called for the minutes of the previous meeting and the treasurer's report to be presented to those attending. Both were presented and promptly approved. Bass said Harold Hoelzle has met with Randy Fuller who is researching his grandfather, Edward Allen Fuller. Hoelzle was able to take Fuller to find his grandfather's grave. Hoelzle and Barb Eimers were also able to discover additional information regarding Edward Allen Fuller. Bass reminded attendees about an upcoming History Skills Workshop being presented on September 15th by the Historical Society of Michigan. This workshop is titled "Archives 101" and is a session designed to help small organizations organize and archive materials. Anyone wishing to attend this workshop will find more information available at the museum office. Bass said the Caseville All Class School Reunion was held on August 5th at the Wooded Island Sports Grill. Bass said the Polish Genealogy society will meet in Troy, Michigan on August 28th. The cost to attend is \$65.00 per person. Also upcoming, Bass reminded attendees about the Railroad History Conference on September 23rd in Holland, Michigan and the Annual State History Conference, also in Holland, scheduled for September 22 through the 24th. Bass thanked Shoreline Lawn Service for mowing the grass at the museum. He mentioned the annual meeting of the Caseville Historical Society will be held in October. The nominating committee tasked with suggesting persons to fill seats being vacated consists of Harold Hoelzle, Janet Ekel, and April Bieniek. Bass said Ekel is also heading a newly formed committee to look at standardizing the Caseville Historical Society's identity, including logos, names of buildings and locations, letterhead, etc. Anyone wishing to serve on this committee may contact Janet Ekel. Bass circulated a sign-up sheet asking for volunteers to work at the museum over the next month.

Membership Committee Chairperson, Mary Taylor announced one new member from the previous month, Marilyn Mitchell.

Bass asked Events Committee Chairperson Joyce Miller to review events scheduled for the remainder of 2017. Miller began with a review of last month's boat trip to Charity Island. She said 48 tickets were sold for the afternoon trip to the island. The group enjoyed a picnic lunch and historical talk about the island's history. The weather held out and a perfect boat ride and excursion was greatly enjoyed by all who participated. April Bieniek said the Cheeseburger Museum will be open starting on August 11th and will be open each day through August 20th. Daily hours are noon to 4:30 p.m. Bieniek said 15 gift baskets have been received to make up the silent auction. Also being sold are raffle tickets for a cash prize of \$400.00 first place and \$100 second. Only 300 tickets will be sold. Bieniek asked for volunteers to work at the museum throughout the event. Attendees were asked to stay after the meeting to help set-up decorations for the Cheeseburger Event. Miller said Dave Vizard is again coordinating the Classic Car Show that will take place outside the museum on the Saturday of Huron County's All Museum Weekend. Additionally, the museum will exhibit automotive memorabilia during the car show. Anyone with items for the display inside the museum may bring their items in following the Cheeseburger Event. Moore Shoreline will sponsor this event and the Caseville School Booster Club will sell refreshments. The Harvest fall Dinner and Auction is planned for Sunday, November 12th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. and is being coordinated by Sherry and Harold Hoelzle. The food is being prepared by J.D. Barbeque. 40 tickets will be sold at a cost of \$20.00 per person.

Reporting for the Archival and Museum Committee, Rich Bass said 101 visitors toured the museum over the past month. He said items have been donated recently from Janice Hall, Dave Young and Judy Morden. Bass said the museum's newest display, a Ladies Dry Goods and Millinery Shop, is still in need of vintage fabric, an old cash register, button-on-a-card, thread bin, undergarments and other ladies' items from the mid 1900's. Bass extended a thank-you to Joyce Miller and Donna McCormick for coordinating the Ladies Shop display.

Barb Eimers continues to be available at the museum on the first Thursday of each month. Eimers will assist persons conducting genealogical or building research. She is available from 1:00

to 4:00 p.m. on those days and has materials available to help in research.

John Depner entertained the group with stories about the Rock City School which was built in 1906.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 21st beginning at 10:00 a.m. at Maccabees Hall. All meetings are open to the public and everyone is invited to attend. Attending meetings and participating in Historical Society events is a great way to support the local community, make new acquaintances, and help preserve the history of the local area.

For more information, call 989-856-9090, visit the web-site at www.casevillemuseum.org e-mail chscm@comcast.net or like the group on Facebook.