

The members of the Caseville Historical Society held their monthly meeting on Thursday, July 20, 2017 at Maccabee Hall, 6733 Prospect Street, Caseville, Michigan. There were 27 members and five guests present.

President Rich Bass opened the meeting with a welcome for all. First on the agenda was a review of the Treasurer's Report and the minutes of the previous meeting. Both were approved by the group with minimal discussion. Bass informed the group of two opportunities for continuing education they are two History Skills Workshops presented by the Historical Society of Michigan. Titled "Open Arms" and "Managing Historic Houses" these classes will be held on August 4th and August 18th respectively. Anyone interested in attending one or both of these will be able to find more information available at the museum office. The museum has been contacted by Randy Fuller who is researching information on Edward Allen Fuller 1860-1896, who lived in the Caseville Area. A postcard was received announcing the Caseville All Class Reunion to be held on August 5th from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Wooded Island Sports Grill. The Polish Genealogy Society will meet in Troy, Michigan on August 28th; cost to attend is \$65.00. Bass said the Caseville Historical Society will hold its' annual meeting on October 19th. A nominating committee consisting of Janet Ekel, April Bieniek, and Harold Hoelzle has been appointed to propose candidates for seats to be vacated. Bass circulated a sign-up sheet asking for volunteers to work at the museum over the next month to help "keep the doors open."

There were no new members to announce this month.

Events Committee Chairperson Joyce Miller reviewed upcoming activities for the group. Immediately following the meeting, those participating will gather at the Caseville Municipal Dock for a boat tour to Charity Island. 48 seats were available for this tour, all were sold. The tour includes a light lunch, a walk from the harbor to the lighthouse and a historical talk about the island. The Cheeseburger Museum will be open daily during the Cheeseburger in Caseville event, August 11th through the 20th. Daily hours are from noon to 4:30 p.m. The museum will feature the ever-popular "What is it Contest," a silent auction of donated gift baskets, and raffle ticket sales for cash prizes, first place \$400.00, and second place \$100.00.

Photo opportunities will also be available to entertain those who visit the museum during the festival. Persons donating gift baskets may bring them to the museum during regular hours. Volunteers will be needed to work at the museum as it can get quite busy. All Museum Weekend will be held September 23rd and 24th and will again feature a Classic Car Show on Saturday the 23rd. Dave Vizard is coordinating this event. Automotive memorabilia will be displayed inside the museum and members of the community who have items they would like to include, may bring them to the museum prior to September 23rd. The Caseville Booster Club will have refreshments available during the Car Show. The Harvest Dinner will be held on November 12th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. and will feature an auction following the gourmet meal. All food is prepared by J.D. Barbeque. 40 tickets will be sold for this event at a cost of \$20.00 each.

Rich Bass said 109 visitors toured the museum over the past month. One visitor was James Hall from the Michigan Historical Society. He took pictures of the museum to be used in the Michigan Historical Society literature. Hall suggested the Caseville Group standardize the names of its venues. Janet Ekel volunteered to head up a committee to undertake this endeavor. Bass said items have been donated over the past month by the City of Caseville, Davin Beels, Joe Burzynski, Joyce Miller, and Joe Elsey. Joyce Miller said the new display of a Ladies' Millinery Shop could still use a few items. Loans or donations of vintage fabric, an old cash register, a house dress, sewing patterns, thread bin, notions, button-on-a-card, school dress, ankle sox, yarn, and undergarments would be appreciated and would add greatly to this display.

Barb Eimers continues to be available the first Thursday of each month at 1:00 p.m. at the museum to assist persons researching family or building histories. Eimers has research materials available to assist in this research.

The next meeting will be held on August 10th at 10:00 a.m. Following that meeting, attendees will be asked to stay and help decorate for the Cheeseburger Museum. All meetings are open to the public and everyone is invited to attend. Meetings are a good way to meet others in the community who are interested in preserving the history of the local community. For more information, call 989-856-9090, visit the new web-site

, casevillemuseum.org e-mail the group at chscm@comcast.net or like the group on Facebook.