

The members of the Caseville Historical Society held their monthly meeting on Thursday, November 16, 2017, at Maccabee Hall, 6733 Prospect Street, Caseville, Michigan 48725. There were 20 members present.

Newly-elected president, Joyce Miller, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. A welcome was offered to all in attendance. The Minutes of the previous meeting and the Treasurer's Report were presented and approved by the group. Miller said Rich Bass recently attended part 2 of the Historical Society of Michigan's Workshop titled *Setting-Up Oral Histories*. Bass had already attended part 1. The group discussed the pros and cons to conducting oral histories of local seniors. Harold Hoelzle said some tapes already exist but it is very difficult to transcribe them. Miller said the Michigan Historical Society also has a *Michiganders on the Road* Program: Founding of America Tour being planned. The Michigan group will also present a History Hounds lecture on "*The Sanilac Petroglyphs*," Wednesday, December 6th in Lansing. Anyone interested in any of these will find more information available at the museum. The Huron County Historical Society is hosting its' Annual Christmas Dinner at noon on Saturday, December 2. The cost is \$15.00 per person. The speaker is Eric Jylha who will discuss "Shanty Boys", the life of a logging camp. The location is the Huron County Senior Center in Bad Axe. Caseville High School National Honor Society members will be available to help move boxes and storage racks upstairs at the Museum on Saturday, November 18th at 10:00 a.m. Joyce Miller discussed responses to the recent questionnaire concerning Historical Society goals. Some responses suggested additional organization of the upstairs storage area, labeling all items on display in the Museum, contacting Michigan Works to gain someone to work in the Museum office, organizing a Putt-Putt golf outing for interested members, staining the outside of the building, researching downtown Caseville building histories, and researching and creating a Caseville cemetery walk. Miller passed around a sign-up sheet requesting volunteers to work at the Museum over the next month.

Reporting for the Membership Committee, Mary Taylor announced one new Platinum level member, Preston Thomason Taylor reminded attendees their membership dues are due by January 1, 2018.

Events Committee Chairman, Dave Vizard said the Harvest Fest Fall Dinner & Auction was held on Sunday, Nov. 12th. The dinner was a sold out affair with 40 people in attendance. Many said it was the best Fall Feast yet. Vizard said the next scheduled event is the Shanty Days Checkers Tournament and it is scheduled for February 17th from noon till 4:30 p.m. Harold Hoelzle and Rosemarie Creuger are coordinating this event. Hoelzle said there is enough space for 40 participants. He said registration for the event will be held earlier than last year.

Reporting for the Archival and Museum Committee, Joyce Miller said there were 9 visitors at the museum over the past month. She said items that have been donated over the past month from

Caseville United Methodist Church, Patrick Brannan, and Mildred Bratt. Miller said Sue Healy has loaned us a vintage Star Twist Thread Cabinet full of thread for use during the Ladies Dry Goods Shop display. Miller discussed an update of the Hunting Cabin display. She said the goal was to keep the wood on the walls and the wooden door so the new display would have to work with that. A duck blind theme is being considered. Harold Hoelzle said we could use the boat that is in storage. Further discussion is needed.

Barb Eimers from the Genealogy Committee is available at the museum the first Thursday of each month at 1:00 p.m. to assist persons conducting family or building historical research. Eimers has research materials available to assist in these endeavors.

President Joyce Miller reviewed the newly elected officers, they are: President - Joyce Miller; Vice President- Dave Vizard; Secretary – Carole Shereda; Treasurer – Sherry Hoelzle.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 21, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. All meetings are open to the public and everyone is invited to attend. Meetings are a fun way to meet members of the community and to take part in the preservation of the history the local community.

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