

The members of the Caseville Historical Society held their monthly meeting on Thursday, January 18, 2017 at Maccabee Hall, 6733 Prospect Street, Caseville, Michigan. There were 18 members and two guests present.

President Joyce Miller opened the meeting with a hearty welcome to all. She called for the minutes of the previous meeting and the Treasurer's Report to be reviewed by the group. Both were reviewed and promptly approved.

Miller reviewed up-coming educational opportunities offered by the Historical Society of Michigan. That group's annual conference is scheduled for March 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> in Sterling Heights. A wide variety of topics will be available for participants each day. Miller said the Historical Society of Michigan offers a full calendar of workshops and programs throughout the year. Remote attendance is available for these programs through "Zoom Video Communications." More information and a complete schedule of workshops is available at the museum office. Miller also mentioned the possibility of having the Michigan State Historian, Valerie Martin, visit Caseville School to make a presentation on the history of the state capitol building. This presentation would be available to 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders and would also possibly be open for the public. Several Historical Society members discussed the possibility of sponsoring a Caseville High School Scholarship. Harold Hoelzle and Bud McCormick volunteered to be the initial contacts for further research into the scholarship possibility. The group decided to close the museum on days when the school is closed due to inclement weather. Miller circulated a sign-up sheet requesting volunteers to work at the museum over the next month.

Two new members were reported by the Membership Committee, Jeff Lemmer and Alex Lemmer.

The next scheduled event for the group will be the Checkers Tournament to be held in conjunction with Caseville's Shanty Days Celebration. The tournament is being coordinated by Harold Hoelzle and Rosemarie Cregeur and will be held on Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.

President Joyce Miller said a small statue of Abraham Lincoln was donated over the past month. She said the museum's new display will feature an old-time wildfowl hunting cabin. Donations and loans of items to be included in that display are welcome.

In support of the Genealogy Committee, Barb Eimers is available the first Thursday of each month at the museum to assist those interested in completing family or building histories. Eimers has research materials available and will assist those interested in the use of these materials.

Cathy Snider, Information Technology Coordinator, discussed equipment and steps needed for remote attendance at state sponsored workshops. Rich Bass updated the group on the Oral Histories program being considered by the organization.

Following the meeting, members were invited to watch Part One of Al Eicher's video on the History of Commercial Fishing in Saginaw Bay.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at Maccabee Hall. All meetings are open to the public and everyone is invited to attend. Meetings are a great way to become involved in preserving the history of the local community and to meet others also interested in historical preservation.

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