

PRESS RELEASE

The Historical Society of Caseville – February 15, 2018 Meeting

The members of the Caseville Historical Society held their monthly meeting on Thursday, February 15, 2018 at Maccabee Hall, 6733 Prospect Street, Caseville, Michigan. There were 15 members and two guests present.

President Joyce Miller opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Minutes of the previous meeting and the Treasurer's Report were reviewed, approved, and placed into record. A proposal to sponsor a scholarship for a graduating senior from Caseville High School was reviewed and voted on. The proposal unanimously passed. Personal donations to add to the scholarship will also be accepted. The 2018 Budget was presented and also approved.

President Miller reviewed a plethora of opportunities for members and others interested in history. They include: the Historical Society of Michigan's workshop on February 16th concerning identifying, storing and archiving photos; a 9-day bus tour sponsored by the Historical Society of Michigan; the Tri-county Historical meeting on April 18th from 9:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. at Sherwood-on-the-Hill in Gagetown, cost is \$15.00; Huron County Historical meeting on May 10th at the Port Austin Museum beginning at 6:30 p.m.; Elkton Historical Society is hosting a Winter Dinner on Feb. 17th at 5:30, cost is \$15.00. Miller updated the group concerning the free resource available from the Historical Society of Michigan. This free service involves a program by Valerie Marvin, Michigan State Capitol Historian and may include a school presentation on the history of the state capitol and/or a cemetery walk with a local Historical Society member and would include research on the local cemetery. Miller said the Huron Daily Tribune is producing on-line videos connected to local history stories. The interviews for this series are conducted by Coulter Stuart who videoed Rich Bass at the Caseville Museum for the first production. Miller offered thanks to Huron Appraisal Service, Caseville Small Animal Clinic, and Alaine Depner for their recent donations. She also thanked the Caseville Department of Public Works for keeping the drive and parking areas cleared of snow and the Caseville Police Department for keeping an eye on Maccabee Hall. Miller circulated a sign-up sheet requesting volunteers to work over the next month.

Events Committee Chairman Dave Vizard reviewed the planned events for the coming year. They include: The Shanty Days Checkers tournament on Feb. 17th from noon until 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$5.00 to enter and \$5.00 for a Shanty Days button; the Ice Cream Social scheduled for May 27th; the Ladies' Luncheon on June 13th; the Cheeseburger Museum from August 10th through August 19th; Huron County's All Museum Weekend September 29th and 30th; the Classic Car Show on September 29th; the Fall Feast and Auction on November 11th. All activities will take place at Maccabee Hall.

Archival and Museum Committee chairman Rich Bass said six visitors had toured the museum over the previous month. Bass said a new donation was received from John Depner. The new Display planned to be started this spring will be centered on “Wild Fowl Hunting.” Donations or loans of display items are now being accepted. Items could include decoys, fishing lures, bird mounts etc.

As part of the Genealogy Committee, Barb Eimers is available the first Thursday of each month from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. to assist those interested in completing family or building histories. Eimers has research materials available.

Rich Bass discussed procedures for setting up and conducting local oral histories. Bass has attended two workshops on this topic. Anyone interested in helping out in these interviews, may contact Bass at the museum.

John Depner talked about information concerning the history of the O.P. Chapin property near Mud Creek beginning in 1935.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 15th starting at 10:00 a.m. All meetings are open to the public and everyone is invited to attend. Meetings are a good way to share in the comradery of others interested in preserving local history.

For more information, call 989.856.9090, visit the web-site at www.casevillemuseum.org, or e-mail the group at chscm@comcast.net, and “Like” the group on Facebook.