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### The Historical Society of Caseville – March 15, 2018 Meeting

The members of the Caseville Historical Society held their monthly meeting on Thursday, March 15, 2018 at Maccabee Hall, 6733 Prospect Street, Caseville, Michigan. There were 17 members 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. It was noted that the educational scholarship for a graduating senior from Caseville High School has been fully funded.

President Miller reviewed numerous activities and opportunities for Society members. They include: a 9-day bus tour this summer sponsored by the Historical Society of Michigan, *Michiganders on the Road*, with stops at Washington D.C., Gettysburg, Monticello, and a variety of historic sites – several members of the Caseville Society will be going; the Tri-county Historical meeting on April 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. at Sherwood-on-the-Hill in Gagetown, cost is \$15.00; Great Lakes Bay and Thumb Alliance meeting on April 25<sup>th</sup> at the Castle Museum in Saginaw; and the Huron County Historical meeting on May 10<sup>th</sup> at the Port Austin Museum beginning at 6:30 p.m. Miller said that a second interview for the Huron Daily Tribune for its on-line video productions is being scheduled. This interview, conducted by Coulter Stuart, will feature Harold Hoelzle discussing lumbering history of the Caseville area. It was noted that the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Historical Society of Caseville will be on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Discussion followed on potential ways to celebrate this milestone. Miller offered thanks to James McIntyre for a recent donation, and also thanked the City of Caseville for its snow-plowing and security of the Museum building. 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 Ice Cream Social scheduled for May 27<sup>th</sup>; the Turner Arts Painting Party on June 2<sup>nd</sup>; the Ladies' Luncheon on June 13<sup>th</sup>; the Cheeseburger Museum from August 10<sup>th</sup> through August 19<sup>th</sup>; Huron County's All Museum Weekend September 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>; the Classic Car Show on September 29<sup>th</sup>; the Fall Feast and Auction on November 11<sup>th</sup>. All activities will take place at Maccabee Hall.

Archival and Museum Committee chairman Rich Bass said 24 visitors had toured the museum over the previous month. Bass said new donations were received including print materials of local historical interest from John Leipprandt; an early Michigan map from the 1890s; and a Cheeseburger Museum scrapbook from Sherry Hoelzle. The new Display being prepared this spring will be centered on "Wild Fowl Hunting." Donations or loans of display items are now

being accepted. Items could include decoys, bird calls, bird mounts, hunting license tags, old hunting magazines, assorted print materials, 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 the progress of preparations being made for conducting local oral histories. Bass has attended workshops on this topic and a Museum group has been formed to design a curriculum for use in the interviews. Video equipment has been purchased it is anticipated that Bass will begin video interviews this spring of selected persons discussing their knowledge of local history.

It was suggested that an interesting speaker for a future meeting might be Heidi Stark, who discusses historical fires in the Thumb.

The next meeting will be held on April 19th 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 knowledge for the preservation of local history.

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