

## Caseville Historical Society – Press Release from December 21, 2017 Monthly Meeting

The members of the Caseville Historical Society held their monthly meeting on Thursday, December 21, 2017, at Maccabee Hall, 6733 Prospect Street, Caseville, Michigan. There were 14 members present.

President Joyce Miller called the meeting to order and called for the Treasurer's Report and the Minutes from the last meeting to be presented to the group. Both were presented and approved by attendees.

President Miller informed those present about several up-coming opportunities. The Historical Society of Michigan's 60th Annual Local History Conference will take place on March 23 and 24<sup>th</sup> in Sterling Heights; *The History Hounds* are presenting a discussion on "Millennial Visions: The Israelite House of David." This group was a religious communal order existing in Benton Harbor in 1903; *The Historical Society of Michigan – Michiganders on the Road; Founding of America Tour* is offering a 9-day travel event; Michigan's Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore will be featured by the U.S. Mint as part of its "*America the Beautiful*" quarters series. Museum members are invited to Munising on February 7<sup>th</sup> for a commemorative event for the featured quarter. The Michigan State Capitol will sponsor Valerie Martin, the State Capitol Historian, for travel to local organizations to discuss Michigan's State Capitol, its history, construction, past locations, renovation, restoration, its portrait collection, women in the Capitol, governors, etc. Discussion ensued concerning the possibility of having Ms. Martin speak at the Caseville School for a student and community event. More consideration is needed. President Miller offered thanks to the Caseville Library Club, Barb Adams, and Jim & Joanne Christner for their recent donations to the Museum. Miller also thanked the Caseville Department of Public Works for keeping the drive and the parking areas cleared of snow, and the Police Department for helping to monitor the Museum building. Miller circulated a sign-up sheet requesting volunteers to help at the Museum over the coming month.

Membership Committee Chairwoman, Mary Taylor, had no new members to report. Taylor did remind those present that membership dues are requested to be paid by January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Events Committee Chairman Dave Vizard reviewed up-coming events. They include: The Shanty Days Checkers Tournament on February 17<sup>th</sup> from noon to 4:30 PM; the Ice Cream Social on May 27<sup>th</sup>; the Ladies Luncheon on June 13<sup>th</sup>; the Cheeseburger Museum from August 10<sup>th</sup> to August 19<sup>th</sup>; Huron County All Museum Weekend September 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> – featuring the Museum's Classic Car Show on September 29<sup>th</sup>, and the Fall Feast and Auction on November 11<sup>th</sup>. All mentioned events will take place at Maccabee Hall.

Reporting for the Archival and Museum Committee, President Miller said that five visitors had toured the Museum over the past month. She said items have been recently donated by Caseville United Methodist Church, James McCullum, Frank Poss III, Sam Guster, Barb Eimers, and Louise "Ann" Cluckey. President Miller reviewed a list of Historical Society Goals. They included: Presenting a biennial program at Caseville School, collecting oral histories from Caseville citizens, completing some building maintenance projects at Maccabee Hall, changing the side wall museum displays, developing walking tours of Caseville and its cemetery, and installing a sound system in Maccabee Hall. Miller said items needed by the museum include 60-watt light bulbs, toilet tissue, paper towels, facial tissue, window cleaner, and other cleaning supplies.

In support of the Genealogy Committee, Barb Eimers is available at the Museum on the first Thursday of each month from 1-4 PM to assist those interested in completing family or building histories. Eimers has research materials available to assist in these endeavors.

Rich Bass discussed procedures for setting-up and conducting local oral histories. Bass has attended two State of Michigan Historical Society workshops on this topic. Anyone interested in participating in this project may contact Bass.

President Miller offered thanks to all who had donated food items for the local food bank and announced the winner of the Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest – Rich Bass.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 18, 2018 beginning at 10:00 AM at Maccabee Hall. All meetings are open to the public and everyone is invited to attend. Meetings are an excellent way to share in fellowship with others interested in preserving the history of the local community.