

PRESS RELEASE FOR THE JANUARY 19, 2023

MEETING OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF CASEVILLE

The members of the Historical Society of Caseville held their monthly meeting on Thursday, January 19, 2023 at their Museum located at 6733 Prospect Street, Caseville, Michigan 48725. There were 16 members present.

President Janet Ekel opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. She welcomed all in attendance. Ekel called for the Minutes of the previous meeting and the Treasurer's Report to be presented. Both were presented, discussed, approved by the group, and placed in the record.

President Ekel said the Museum would be operating during "Winter Hours" until the end of March. Throughout this time, the Museum will be opened Fridays and Saturdays from noon to 4:30. Ekel circulated a sign-up sheet requesting volunteers to work at the Museum on those dates. Ekel noted that the oral histories book, "Voices From the Past," is currently "sold out." A new order has been placed and more books should arrive within the week. Ekel said the Historical Society of Michigan's "Big Easy" bus tour to New Orleans has been sold out. Another tour has been announced that will head to French Canada May 30th to June 7th. Anyone interested in the French Canada Tour may reserve a spot by calling the Historical Society of Michigan. Ekel said the Historical Society of Michigan has announced their Alliance Grant winners and the Caseville Historical Society was one of the winners. Ekel read a letter announcing the grant. The grant money will be used to purchase a new copy machine for the Museum Office. President Ekel said the new display centered on Caseville Schools circa 1900 will be the next project to be completed. Work on this new display has begun. Community members with items from Caseville Schools representing that time period are invited to bring them up to the museum for possible inclusion in the display. The goal is to have this display ready for visitors by Memorial Weekend.

In support of the Events Committee, the group reviewed the planned events and schedule for the coming year. Events planned are: Shanty Days on February 18, the Ice Cream Social on May 28, the Ladies Luncheon on June 14, The Cheeseburger Museum August 11 through 20, the Classic Car and Tractor Show on September 16, All Museum Weekend on September 23 and 24, the Witches' Walk: Nightmare on Prospect Street on October 28th, and the Fall Feast and Auction on November 5th.

The Membership Committee reported two new members, Ray Quiel and Joe Kelly.

During the winter months, many Historical Society members will be out of town. The group's Technology Representative, Cathy Snider, will make Zoom attendance at monthly meetings available for those who are out of town but want to keep up with Museum activities. If you will

be out of town and want to attend a meeting via Zoom, you should contact the Museum Office at (989) 856-9090 prior to the meeting to have a link set up for remote attendance.

Reporting for the Archival and Museum Committee, Harold Hoelzle said the Museum had 7 visitors over the past month. Items were donated to the Museum over the past month by Sheri Lynn and Pat Essian.

Barb Eimers is available throughout the winter months by appointment only to aid interested persons in researching family histories. Anyone who would like to make an appointment with Eimers may contact the Museum Office at (989) 856-9090 during regular hours.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 16, 2023 starting at 10:00 a.m. All meetings are open to the public and everyone is invited to attend. Meetings are a great way to interact with other members of the community interested in preserving Caseville's rich, colorful past and to gain an understanding of the events and situations that played an important role in forming the Caseville Area as we know it today.