

PRESS RELEASE FOR THE JUNE 15, 2023

MEETING OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF CASEVILLE

The members of the Historical Society of Caseville held their monthly meeting on Thursday, June 15, 2023 at their Museum located at 6733 Prospect Street, Caseville, Michigan 48725. There were 11 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 reviewed. Both were reviewed, discussed, approved and placed in the record.

President Ekel reminded attendees the Museum is now open Wednesday through Saturday from noon to 4:30 p.m. She said our busy time has arrived and it is important to have volunteers available to greet guests and guide them through their visit. Ekel circulated a sign-up sheet requesting volunteers to work at the Museum on the days it is open for business. Ekel thanked those volunteers who have worked at the Museum over the past month. Ekel said the new copier is installed in the Museum office and it works wonderfully. She offered a big thank-you to Joyce Miller and Cathy Snider for all their work researching and ordering the new copier. The new exhibit on Caseville Schools circa early 1900's is completed. Any loans of old school items will still be accepted and added to the display if anyone brings in such items. Ekel thanked Dan Dufty and Sharon Indo for doing an excellent job of keeping the Museum grounds mowed and trimmed. Ekel said the Bob and Mary Kay Quinn Award for 2023 was presented at the Ice Cream Social. Cathy Snider is this year's recipient. Cathy has done an outstanding job of helping the Museum operations keep up with new technologies as they become available. Dave Vizard will be unavailable for several weeks and others will be needed to help prepare for the Classic Car and Tractor Show. Dave does plan to be available by the time the Car Show is planned but volunteers will be needed to do the planning. Joyce Miller discussed the changes in Key Lime Pie bar prices and shipping requirements. Following discussion, a vote was taken and the group decided to go ahead with plans to sell Key Lime Pie bars at this year's Cheeseburger in Caseville Event. A discussion was held regarding digitizing the old Caseville Newspapers currently being stored at the Museum. It was decided to allocate funds to digitize these old newspapers for the benefit of our Museum and to make them available to the general population through the Clark Historical Museum in Mount Pleasant. The Clark Museum is the entity that will do the actual digitizing of these very-fragile old newspapers. This project will add to the collection at that museum and will be the first digitized newspapers from Huron County to be available through the Clark Museum.

The Membership Committee had one new member to announce, welcome Sue Meyersieck.

In support of the Events Committee, the group reviewed the planned events and schedule for the coming year. Events planned are: 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 28<sup>th</sup>, and the Fall Feast and Auction on November 5<sup>th</sup>.

Reporting for the Archival and Museum Committee, Rich Bass said the Museum had 53 visitors over the past month. He said new items were recently donated by Jan Prill and Donna McCormick.

Barb Eimers will not be available the first Thursday of July for genealogical research. She will again be available the first Thursday of each month starting in August. Eimers has research materials available and is knowledgeable in their use. This is great opportunity available to Caseville Community members free of charge.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 20, 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.