

PRESS RELEASE FOR THE MAY 18, 2023 MEETING  
OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF CASEVILLE

The members of the Historical Society of Caseville held their monthly meeting on Thursday, May 18, 2023. at their Museum located at 6733 Prospect Street, Caseville, Michigan 48725. There were 21 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. She also offered a big "Thank-You" to the twelve members of the Historical Society who gathered on the very cold morning of April 21<sup>st</sup> to help with a yard clean-up of the Museum property. She also thanked Dan Dufty and Sharon Indo for volunteering to keep the Museum yard mowed for the 2023 season. Ekel said the new copier has not been purchased yet as there was some confusion as to what features were necessary to have included in the copier. Following discussion, a selection was made and voted on. The new copier will be purchased in the near future. The new Museum exhibit of the historical Caseville School is nearly complete. Anyone in the community who has items or memorabilia from Caseville Schools in the early 1900's and would like to include their item or item's, may bring the item(s) to the Museum during regular hours. Ekel said set-up for the Ice Cream Social will take place at the Museum on Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

Mary Taylor, Membership Committee Chairperson, announced one new member, Dale Domeier.

A full house was present on Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> to share in a pot luck meal and watch the Zoom Video "Let's Go Fishing: Fish Tales from The North Woods." Everyone enjoyed the event and it was agreed to keep an eye on the Zoom Video offerings for another that might be of interest to the group. Several representatives from Caseville attended the Huron County Historical Society's quarterly meeting held in Pigeon on May 11. A proposal was made by President Ekel to acquire a lockbox with a numerical keypad such as the ones used by realtors to keep a key available at the Museum for volunteers to use to access the building. Following discussion, a motion was made and approved to acquire such a box and place it on the back door to the Museum. President Ekel noted that the flag at the front of the building is in need of replacement. Trustee Dale Melson said he would supply a new flag and did so immediately

following the meeting. President Ekel said the Bob and Mary K. Quinn Award will be announced at the Ice Cream Social on May 28<sup>th</sup>.

In support of the Events Committee , the group reviewed the planned events and schedule for the coming year. Events planned are: 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 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 12 visitors over the past month. He said new items were recently donated by Cheryl Calimazzo and Donna McCormick.

Barb Eimers will available the first Thursday of each month at the Museum to assist persons interested in researching their family or building histories. Eimers has research materials available and is knowledgeable in their use. This is great opportunity available to Caseville Community members free of charge.

Reporting for the Scholarship Committee, Harold Hoelzle said a recipient for the 2023 scholarship donation has been selected. He said the award would be presented at the Commencement Ceremony on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 15 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.