

PRESS RELEASE FOR THE JULY 20, 2023 MEETING
OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF CASEVILLE

The members of the Historical Society of Caseville held their monthly meeting on Thursday, July 20, 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 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 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 she and several other members had attended the Huron County Historical Society's meeting on July 13th at the Pointe Aux Barques Lighthouse and Lifesaving Station. She said the County group is planning on starting a new history book centered around "Agriculture." The County is looking for a representative from each of the local groups to help out with this new Agriculture book as well as a genealogy representative to work with other representatives from the other groups on genealogy. No volunteers were found and these two volunteer positions remain open. While giving the Treasurer's Report, Sherry Hoelzle reported a very generous donation from the City of Caseville. Joyce Miller said the project of digitizing the old newspapers is waiting on a final contract with the Clark Library. Reporting for the Membership Committee, Mary Taylor said four new members had joined our ranks. Welcome to Mary and Mark Rastigue and Sarah Pratt and another Mark Rastigue.

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 28th, and the Fall Feast and Auction on November 5th.

Reporting for the Archival and Museum Committee, Rich Bass said the Museum had 171 visitors over the past month. He said new items were recently donated by the Elkton Historical Society, Caseville Public Schools, and Helping Hands Thrift Store.

Barb Eimers is available the first Thursday of each month at 1:00 p.m. to assist visitors working on genealogical research. This is a great service. Eimers has helped many visitors find information regarding their Caseville ancestors. 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, August 10, 2023 starting at 10:00 a.m. This meeting is being held earlier in the month to allow for the Cheeseburger in Caseville Event which begins on August 11. Following the August 10th meeting, attendees will be asked to stay and help turn the "Historical Museum" into the "Cheeseburger Museum." 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.