

PRESS RELEASE FOR THE AUGUST 10, 2023

MEETING OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF CASEVILLE

The members of the Historical Society of Caseville held their monthly meeting on Thursday, August 10, 2023 at their Museum located at 6733 Prospect Street, Caseville, Michigan 48725. There were 19 members and one guest 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. In addition to regular business, the Treasurer's Report announced a generous donation from the Huron County View.

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 reminded attendees the Historical Society of Huron County is looking for a volunteer from each of the local historical societies to help with a new Huron County History Book centered on "Agriculture." They are also looking for a representative to serve on a Genealogy Committee. So far, the Caseville group has no representative for either of these projects. If you wish to volunteer to serve as either of these representatives, please contact the Museum. Ekel said both the front and side porches have been re-worked and they look great. She said we will have to seal the wood on these porches in a couple of years to make them last longer.

Joyce Miller said the project of digitizing the old newspapers is still waiting on a final contract with the Clark Library. Reporting for the Membership Committee, Mary Taylor had no new members to report.

In support of the Events Committee, the group reviewed the planned events and schedule for the coming year. The next event will be the Cheeseburger Museum from August 11<sup>th</sup> through the 20<sup>th</sup>. President Ekel invited attendees to stay after the meeting to help decorate the museum for the Cheeseburger event. She also requested attendees to review the work schedule for the Cheeseburger Museum and to volunteer to work some days of that ten-day event. Following the Cheeseburger Museum and before the next scheduled Historical Society Meeting, will the Classic Car and Tractor Show on September 16. Ekel said a sign-up sheet

requesting volunteers for that event is also available. Other planned events are: 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 Museum and Archival Committee, Rich Bass said the museum had 89 visitors over the past month. He said a new item was recently donated by Alan and Dawn DeBuck

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, September 21, 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.