



# Jenison Historical Association Footnotes

Jenison Historical Association  
Box 664—28 Port Sheldon  
Jenison, Michigan 49429-664

## September 2007

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### Chairman

Ken Williams (08)

#### Vice Chairman/Curator

Liz Timmer (07)

#### Twp. Rep / Treasurer

Dan Carlton

#### Secretary

Nellie DeLaat (07)

#### Historian

Virginia Timmer (09)

#### Trustee/Tours, Archivist

Joyce Klawiter (09)

#### Trustee/Advertising

Mary Fanthorpe (07)

#### Trustee

Barb Semeyn (08)

#### Trustee/Editor

Ruth Lowing (08)

#### Trustee / Displays

Grayce Lancaster (09)

#### Trustee/ Maintenance

Mike Timmer (07)

(##) = year this position will be re-elected



### Historical Association of Michigan

Find us on the registry of the Historical Society of Michigan at [www.hsmichigan.org](http://www.hsmichigan.org)



#### Newsletter Notice

If anyone would like to receive this newsletter electronically, we now have an email option.

Please contact Ruth Lowing at [rlowing@aol.com](mailto:rlowing@aol.com) or call 616-662-4137 to e-subscribe

## Back to School!



Picture from September 2007 Open House Display

It's September and the children are all back to school. We are already getting calls from the schools for the classroom tours.

Can you help with the tours? Call Joyce Klawiter if you are home during the day with time to help our for an hour or two during this busy time.

**Next Board Meeting** September 20, 2007 6:45p.m.  
*Location: Jenison Museum*

General membership and public are urged to attend.

# Meeting Minutes—August 16, 2007

Submitted by Nellie DeLaat

**Board Members Present:** Virginia Timmer, Mike Timmer, Dan Carlton, Grayce Lancaster, Joyce Klawiter, Ruth Lowing, Nellie DeLaat, Liz Timmer.

**Members :** Marian Adams,

Meeting called to order by Vice Chair, Liz Timmer. Ken Williams was unable to attend.

Review of Minutes from July 19, 2007 meeting: Motion made by Mike Timmer to approve minutes. Seconded by Virginia Timmer. Minutes approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Motion made by Ruth Lowing to approve Treasurer's Report as submitted by Dan Carlton and presented in the newsletter. Seconded by Joyce Klawiter. Report approved as submitted.

## Association Business

Liability Insurance: Paid to Farm bureau

Ownership of museum items: Dan Carlton shared what information he knew. The concern is not for the immediate time, but what will happen in 20 years. The Association needs to make sure there is protection for items in the future. Dan stated that he felt confident the township will continue to support the JHA and museum. The Association by-laws will need to be revised to assure this protection. Further discussion was tabled until Ken Williams is present.

Meeting place for November meeting: It was decided that the November meeting would be held at the Museum.

Request for funding from Byron Bank: No report at this time. Ken will report in September.

Possible funding source sub committee: Anyone interested in helping secure other funding sources to support the work of the Association, should contact Liz Timmer.

Other Association Business: Dan suggested putting our displays at area banks, businesses, or schools to increase awareness of the Association. Grayce will coordinate this initiative. Volunteers are needed to contact area banks, businesses, etc. Contact Grayce if you are willing to help with this project.

## Museum Business

Maintenance Report: Mike distributed a report to all those present. Highlights included repair of glass for display case; alarm was not set on 8-1-07 when he visited the house; still working on getting quotes to paint house. He also outlined several unfinished projects.

Museum Cleaning: A monthly cleaning schedule will be developed. The Saturday before an open

house those scheduled will clean the house. The schedule for September and October is as follows:  
Saturday, September 8—Nellie and Virginia  
Saturday, October 13—Joyce and need one other person  
November (date to be determined) - Need two people

It was approved for Grayce to purchase two Swivel Sweepers for use at the museum because they are very lightweight and gentle on the carpets.

## Open Houses

July Open House: Pictures were shared. All those present felt it was a success. Disappointment was expressed because none of the township officials invited attended.

September Open House: The Theme will be coins. Mike will check with the Coin Club he belongs to for volunteers to show their coins.

October Open House: Grayce will report at the September meeting. Members should be prepared to volunteer with cleaning and decorating.

## Projects

Inventory: Discussion centered on having someone input the information obtained when the manual inventory was done several months ago into an Excel spreadsheet. Dan volunteered township office staff to help with this project as long as it was not a short timeline. Ruth and Mike volunteered to begin the inputting process. They will report at the September meeting.

Joyce and Ruth presented a draft of a new loan document to be sent to people with articles on loan to the museum. The group suggested a few revisions. Ruth will incorporate these revisions into the new document.

Liz will send a letter to the person who owns the piano in the back parlor telling him the museum no longer has space for it due to changing displays. He will be asked to have it removed by mid-November—before decorating for the Holiday Open House begins.

Guide Book: Nothing to report at this time.

Motion made by Virginia to adjourn meeting; seconded by Dan. Motion carried.

*“Change in November meeting location!”*

Help put away things from July Open House: This was postponed to a time when Grayce was available.

# Treasurers Report



Submitted by D. Carlton

Cash on Hand	
Retained Earnings	\$ 2,312.40
	\$ -
<b>As of 1/31/05</b>	<b>\$ 2,312.40</b>
Total Income 2007	\$ 519.94
Total Expenses 2007	\$ (358.56)
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$ 2,473.78</b>
Receivables-Unpaid	\$ 30.00
Total Liabilities	\$ 90.00
<b>Cash on Hand</b>	<b>\$ 2,563.78</b>

Income:	8/1 thru 8/31/07	Year to date 07
Books	0.00	11.00
Donations	63.00	298.00
Memorials	0.00	0.00
Dues	10.00	200.00
Mill Print& Photos	0.00	0.00
Stationery	0.00	4.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$73.00</b>	<b>\$513.00</b>
Interest	0.87	6.94
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$73.87</b>	<b>\$519.94</b>

Expenses:	8/1 thru 8/31/07	Year to date 07
Dues & Subscrip-	0.00	0.00
Fees	20.00	(20.00)
Postage	0.00	(36.00)
Repairs/Security	\$ 46.95	(148.56)
Miscellaneous	0.00	(40.00)
Supplies	0.00	0.00
Insurance	114.00	(114.00)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$180.95</b>	<b>(\$358.56)</b>
Due Grandville for books	\$	90.00



## 2007 Board Meetings

## 2007 Museum Open House Schedule

- September 20, 2007—Museum
- October 18, 2007—Georgetown Library: Meeting Room
- November 15, 2007—Museum

- September 15, 2007 2 to 4 PM
- October 20, 2007 2 to 4 PM
- November Closed
- December 8, 2007 1 to 4 PM Christmas Open House
- January 12, 2008 2 to 4 PM

**Please note meeting location changes shown on each date. All meeting begin at 6:45 PM at the designated location.**

If you know you can work a particular open house, please call Nellie DeLaat to reserve your spot in the schedule.

## Volunteer Opportunities

There are many opportunities for you to volunteer to support your Jenison Historical Association. Below are but a few, please contact anyone on the board to learn more.

**Museum Cleaning:** A monthly cleaning schedule is being developed. This is a big job, as you can well imagine, that needs constant attention in order to have the Museum look it's best during the open houses. Contact Nellie DeLaat if you can lend a few hours. Immediate openings in the schedule for October and November, or be the first on the list for 2008.

**Tour guides:** The school tours are starting up. Even if you have never done this, teaching the children about our history is such a rewarding experience. You won't regret being a part of this experience for our local children. Joyce Klawiter would love to hear from you.

**Community Displays:** A new initiative is to get some displays out into the community, possibly to local banks, schools and businesses. What better way to get awareness out into the community than to bring the museum to them. Grayce Lancaster is heading up this project. She would welcome any help you might be able to offer from finding the locations to picking display material and setting up the displays.

**And the list goes on.....** Monthly Open Houses, Theme's for Open Houses, Inventory, Museum Maintenance, board trustee, just to name a few and fill this space.



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***Jenison Historical Association Mission Statement:***

*Our mission is to learn about Jenison history, obtain artifacts relating to its history, and maintain the Jenison Historical Museum as a place to share and display our heritage.*