

## **GLEN ELLYN HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

### **Annual Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, November 7, 2019 7:00 pm**

**at Stacy's Corners Store at the History Center**

Following dinner, the meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. Members were greeted by Suzanne Carty, President of the Board of Directors, who welcomed them and thanked them for their support of GEHS.

The minutes from the November 1, 2018 annual meeting were approved. Motion made by Lee Marks, seconded by Dan Anderson, all others approved.

Upon a motion made by Doris Nelson, seconded by Dan Anderson and carried unanimously, the members of the Glen Ellyn Historical Society present at the meeting elected the following members to the Board of Directors for two-year terms: Maria Bakalis, Jean Jeske, Barbara Young, and Mary Ann Zlotow. The slate was accepted as nominated.

Suzanne Carty reviewed the highs and lows, and the financials, for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. She pointed out that since we had the flood in March and were closed for the last quarter, the financials could not be compared to other years. Suzanne noted that there were many expenses due to the flood and renovations, but we were not receiving our usual income during this time. We are fortunate to have a safety net in our investments, but we have had to dip into them heavily to sustain us. She thanked Dan and Midge Anderson who helped us establish a new endowment fund with a very generous contribution this summer. She told the membership that we need the members' help. Perhaps they could consider an additional gift. We all have a stake in ensuring the organization's financial success.

Karen Hall, Executive Director, thanked everyone for their support during a challenging year. She thanked our volunteers and Board of Directors, and acknowledged the hard work of staff including Kathy Becker, Megan Wozniak, and volunteer bookkeeper Sally MacDonald. She also noted the efforts of our new staff person, Karl Krems, as archive coordinator. She acknowledged that while this has been the year of the flood, it has also been a year of much generosity and heartfelt gratitude.

Dan Anderson talked about a streetscape project in downtown Glen Ellyn with historic signage added to the sidewalks about the buildings and their varied histories of what has come before. This would be similar to what has been done in Geneva, Illinois. Dan asked the membership to be supportive of this idea with the Village about literally integrating history into downtown.

Kathy Becker, Stacy's Corners Store Manager, said she was happy to be back at work since the store was closed so long due to the flood. She said 95% of the store is now organized. She appreciates the help everyone has provided over the summer. Kathy reminded the membership about the upcoming GEHS Member Appreciation Day on Saturday where they can receive 25% off their purchases.

Lee Marks talked about the new paint job at the museum, and noted that J.C. Licht on Roosevelt Rd. donated the paint for the museum. He noted that Dieter Rowe has been doing wonderful work making repairs to the museum.

Roger Olson asked when we can get a new apple tree, since our previous Haralson apple tree was destroyed by pruners this summer. Suzanne noted that she would like to get more than one, since there was an orchard there, and that heritage varieties of apples which were not obtainable when the last apple tree was selected are now available. We should be able to get a new tree which is more historically accurate to the time period of the museum.

The official business portion of the meeting was concluded at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by  
Karen Hall, Executive Director