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Drake Memorial House

FROM THE TOP- President Gillis

Our first e-newsletter sent out in March appears to have been a success. Sheryl Childs and John Childs who are both members of our society, have made a generous offer to design and implement – First: Our newsletter appearance. It will be written locally and Sheryl will put it in a design form and email it back to me and I will forward to our members. Secondly, Sheryl is establishing a web page and it is currently under ‘construction’. Our web page will be: www.bwahs.org and if you wish to check on its progress, take a peek. She has made it possible to have other advantageous offerings for us through ‘godaddygo’ where there are certain programs and softwares and other items that we can access and purchase for about half the cost, as well as enroll in webinars. Today’s newsletter will follow this format due to the time constraints for the upcoming Annual Membership meeting and election of officers scheduled for June 18, at 6 pm at the Plank Road Museum. We will be having a potluck supper before the meeting, so please bring a dish to pass and your perfect partner along for the evening.

Our nominating committee, chaired by Diane Colbry and her committee members consisting of Telli Luneak, Jim Gillis, Don Gillis, Mike Doty have met and are nominating the following for election: trustees, Karen Giles, Dale Kemler and Glenda Bloomquist. These are 3 year terms and will expire in 2018. For the executive committee, which is a one year term, their recommendations are: President-Pat Gillis, Vice President-Dale Clingenpeel; Secretary- Sheila Rummer and Treasurer, Glenda Bloomquist. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor the night of the meeting. Retiring from the board is Mike Doty who chose not to rerun and we thank him for his service for the last three years. We also want to thank Karen Giles for her service as secretary in the past.

We have almost reached our goal to raise the \$1700.00 towards the musical instruments at Drake Memorial House for their restoration. The fundraisers included a Sale of Antique pieces from excess items from the house in March, a Soup and Salad at the United Methodist Church in April, and member donations which amounted to \$1643, as of today. Another fundraiser is scheduled for June 28, a Sunday, with a “Drake Memorial House – bring back the old-time music.” This will be held on the lawn at the Drake House and various musicians are scheduled to appear during the afternoon from 1-5 PM. Please bring a lawn chair and an appetite, as we plan to serve hot dogs, chips, cookie and beverage to complete this fundraiser. Everything over the \$57.00 mark we need to hit will be, as they say, ‘gravy.’ Watch for further information in flyers and in the Saginaw Valley Times.

As a follow-up to our last newsletter concerning any additional exhibit building, a committee will be formed to investigate a type of structure, and grant funding opportunities which may be out there. Another committee will be formed to investigate corporate funding, which would amount to developing a list of contacts willing to gift us with an on-going donation on a yearly basis. If you have any expertise in building, zoning, grants, and any expertise in begging for money, please let me know – 842-5222 or patriciag8@frontier.com.

Our open hours are Mondays from 9-12 or by special appointment. Perhaps you have a family reunion scheduled and would like to schedule a visit on that afternoon as part of your program...

It's not too late to become a volunteer - *your opportunities are endless*

Volunteer Opportunities for the summer:

Dusting and cleaning of museums

Tour Guides (docents-we will train)

Lawn and garden care- Maintenance work inside and out

Research a new subject, your choice, in our research library or elsewhere –

Make a presentation or lecture on your area of interest or expertise – we can schedule YOU!

And as always, cleaning, accessioning and cataloguing of artifacts at the Plank Road Museum