

## Chesterfield Historical Commission

### Minutes

January, 14<sup>th</sup> 2009

Dave Borlin	Robert Landram
Shari Bolin	Chris Landram
Gene Schenberg	Jane Durrell
Jan Durrell	Joan Schacht
Arland Stemme	Shawn Seymour

Meeting Called to order by Dave Borlin at 7:00 PM.

Corrections made to Nov 13 – The new Mission Statement was passed by the Planning and Public Works Committee. It was also noted that a copy needs to be included in the official minutes.

**MINUTES:** approved as corrected.

Shawn Seymour was introduced. He is our staff liaison in the Planning & Public Works Department.

**CALENDERS:** At total of 27 plus 1 gift pack were sold.

**BOOK SALES:** (3) three of Dan's books and (1) one cemetery book were sold.

Gene questioned why we don't use alternative methods for selling our books, such as local book stores and amazon.com. Book stores want 40%. He suggested we review the actual cost of publishing as this could still be a worthwhile method of distribution. Those figures should be made available at the meeting for a more informed discussion. *To be put on agenda for further discussion.*

**FINANCIAL:** Current balance: \$18,323.10.

Robert Landram has received the annual report from the city.

2008 Income: \$5,551.98

2008 Expenses: \$4681.04

**CHESTERFIELD HISTORY (CURRENT & ARCHIVAL):** No articles were turned in. The Suburban Journal seems to have very little local news with the changes it has gone through.

The Archival committee met in December and has completed their inventory of Dan's collection. They still have to inventory the file cabinet. It was strongly urged that the commission consider digitizing our papers in a form that will allow OCR capabilities to allow for indexing. That will be the best way to make the items available to the most people possible

**HISTORY BOOK:** The committee is meeting Jan 22. They are making headway but there are more chapters to write. It was asked that some copies be made and distributed to a few people to read and give feedback. The possible readers will be decided at the book meeting. Shawn agreed to make the copies.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The new mission statement was distributed along with committee duties.

**SACHS/BETTENDORF HOUSE:** Jane announced that Mayor Nations was 100% in favor of receiving the land and house. Jane read some ideas for the use of the house. The commission needs to generate as many ideas as possible to make it acceptable to the council and general public. It is important to make our focus about what we can do with the place that will make it unique and not just a duplicate of what is available at the city hall, library or YMCA. Jane will meet with the Mayor again. Committees will be formed to further this cause.

*A motion was made that the CHC take the initiative to move forward to obtain the property as quickly as possible. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.*

**NEW BUSINESS:** Dave announced a new method of email distribution that hides individual emails to avoid our emails from being captured and used to purposes other than CHC business.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm. The next meeting will be Feb 11 at 7:30 pm