

CHESTERFIELD HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MINUTES
April 13, 2011

Debbie Ruscillo Cosmopoulos
Ray Creely
Henry Pecherski
Jane Durrell
Bruce Geiger
Shawn Seymour
Joan Schacht

Arland Stemme
Stan Dampier
Tania Pappas
Ted Goedecke
Nell Goedecke
Barb Whitman
Ann Chrissos

Barbara Whitman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The February minutes were approved as submitted. There was no meeting in March.

Barb introduced Debbie Ruscillo Cosmopoulos, a professor at St. Louis Community College – Wildwood West County (STLCC-WW), and Ray Creeley, a student at the Wildwood campus. They asked for a loan or donation of early Native American artifacts to be used as teachings aids or in exhibits. They need seven items of each tool/artifact type.

Barb made a motion that the Archaeology Committee should draw up a contract stating the number of items to be loaned, a description and monetary value of each, for a length of five years with a possibility of renewal. An amended motion stated that the contract should be presented to Planning & Public Works at the May meeting. Both motions passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Financial –February 28 balance = \$15,269.89. 15 calendars were sold and a \$20 donation was made for total of \$95. March 31 balance = \$15,354.89. Calendar sales = \$35. \$185 was paid out for ISBN and Barcode and \$30 for use of Bonhomme map in book.

Calendar – 2011 Calendar Committee = Jane Durrell (chair), Arland Stemme and Ted Goedecke. Jane asked to be on May agenda to discuss changes to the 2011 calendar.

Oral History – no report.

Archaeology Committee – A donation of etley points dating to 2500 B.C. and other stone tools/artifacts was made to CHC. Many of the items came from the Hayden site and other areas of Chesterfield. A list of the items was given to Ann Chrissos to be filed with other donation lists.

OLD BUSINESS

Cemetery – Jane reported that years ago CHC had agreed to care for Conway Cemetery. Shawn said the City began maintaining the cemetery about 5 years ago at the request of

CHC. Henry reported that he had checked the cemetery that day and found it in excellent condition. It was agreed that Henry and Stan would check the cemetery once each month and would notify the City of any problems.

Jane suggested that CHC should clear the Conway house site. No one volunteered to do it.

BOOK STATUS

Barb announced that the book was at the binder's and that she, Barry Flachsbart and Ann did the second proofreading. She then read a letter from Acting Mayor Flachsbart congratulating CHC on producing a book on the history of Chesterfield.

Jane and Ted protested that the Book Committee had not been allowed to do the second proofreading. Barb explained that she was honoring the printer's request that someone other than the Book Committee do the second proofreading. She also explained that she and Barry, as professional editors, were qualified to do it and Ann was present to represent the Committee.

Jane suggested selling the book for \$30 on May 21. Everyone agreed. Selling at a discount price had been previously discussed. It was also decided to have a list of other CHC publications, but not to have them available for sale.

Shawn agreed to check on the use of a credit card machine and on pick-up of the finished books and a storage place.

Jane suggested changing the prices of CHC publications -- \$1.00 for all old calendars, \$5.00 for coloring books, \$10.00 for the Cemetery book, and \$15.00 for Architectural Treasures. Everyone agreed and she will put new price tags on the items.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of a vice-chair – Arland and Jane nominated Nancy Greenwood to serve as vice-chair until the general election in July. Ann pointed out that Nancy has only attended one meeting out of eight since she joined CHC in July 2010, which fails to meet the 50% attendance requirement and indicates a lack of commitment. Nancy was elected with seven ayes and one nay.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be May 11 at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by Ann Chrissos