

**Chesterfield Historical Commission
Minutes
August 12, 2009**

Dan Rothwell
Bob Landram
Nell Goedecke
Lee Erikson
Suzie Marx
Thomas Nowotny
Arland Stemme
Steve Domahidy
Bob DeFer

Chris Landram
Ted Goedecke
Jean Speranza
Doris DeFer
Barbara Whitman
Jody Nowotny
Shawn Seymour
Ann Chrissos

Joan Schacht called the meeting to order 7:31 p.m. She introduced two new members: Tom and Jodi Nowothy.

The July minutes were amended. The word "committee(s)" was changed to commission(s) except for the "Heritage Committee" which was changed to the Heritage Foundation.

FINANCIAL REPORT: \$18,279.27 at the end of July

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Calendar: no sales in July. The first copy of the 2010 calendar is ready for proofing. Suzie Marx has joined the Calendar Committee.
2. Books: Joan and Dan have inventoried the number of books and calendars that are available for sale. There are 189 of Dan's book, 63 cemetery books, and 193 coloring books.
3. New book status: Editing has begun on finished chapters. There are three outstanding chapters. The next Book Committee meeting will be September 24 at 7:00 p.m. at Arland Stemme's house.
4. Current history: Joan continues to ask for and collect current newspaper articles, photos, etc. for the CHC archives.
5. Archeology: the excavation of the Dampier site continues.
6. Council and Planning liaisons: Lee Erikson reported that the City Council has provided the CHC with \$7500 to preserve its oral history collection. Dan will send a thank you letter to the City. Shawn will send out a new membership list.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Bettendorf-Sachs house status: remains unchanged.
2. Volunteer to store books now held at the Borlin's: Bob DeFer offered to pick up the materials and store them.

3. Web page: it is in the planning stage.
4. Don Wiegand's property update: negotiations continue with the Army Corp of Engineers.
5. Potential merger with Landmarks: Chris Landram made the following motion: "I move that the Chesterfield Historical Commission remain a separate commission and not merge or be absorbed by Landmark's Preservation and I further move that our vote on this matter be by secret ballot." After a brief discussion of the pros and cons, members voted by secret ballot. Joan counted the ballots and the motion carried 14 to 3.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Faust Park: The Fine Arts Festival will be on September 19 & 20. Ted G. will get permission to sell calendars and books. He will sign up helpers at the September 9 meeting.
2. St. Louis Genealogical Book Fair: It will be in December and the Landrams will reserve a table where they will sell CHC books.
3. Old school books: Bob DeFer is looking for old school books to accessorize the schoolhouse in Faust Park.
4. Joan distributed a list of CHC committees and asked for corrections and/or additional information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The city council has purchased the 18-acre Eberwein farm off of Old Baxter Road and Baxter Road. The land will be made into the Eberwein Park and uses for the buildings will be assessed.
2. Nell Goedecke has retired from CHC. She recently completed drawings of the Clayton Road and Baxter Road intersection as it looked when the area was called Stringtown.
3. Mark Leach's documentary: will be shown at the Missouri History Museum on September 17 and October 6. Admission is free.

The meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Submitted by Ann Chrissos