

Chesterfield Historical Commission

**Minutes
October 8, 2008**

Doris DeFer
Bob DeFer
Chris Landram
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Dave Borlin
Shari Borlin
Barbara Whitman
Joan Schacht

Jean Speranza
Arland Stemme
Nell Goedecke
Ted Goedecke
Jesse Francis
Dan Rothwell
Brian Calderwood
Ann Chrissos

Dave Borlin called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PROGRAM

Mary Ann Brown, niece of Lucy and Fred Hoch, shared her memories of the Hoch House which is now located in Faust Park's historic village. The house was originally located at the present day site of Walgreens on Chesterfield Parkway East. Besides the house, there were also two barns, a blacksmith shop, and a goldfish pond on the property.

SEPTEMBER MINUTES

The September 10, 2008 minutes were approved as written.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Calendars – 13 sold, 3 at Faust Park
- B. Book Sales – 2 of Dan's books and 1 coloring book sold at Faust Park
- C. \$70.00 collected for the use of CHC photos
- D. Financial Liaison -- \$16,232.88, \$1492.06 was spent on printing 2009 calendars
- E. Current History – Archival Committee members = Joan Schacht (chairperson), Doris DeFer, Dan Rothwell, and Arland Stemme. They are making an inventory of all materials owned by CHC. They interviewed Doug Beech. They discovered that 4th of July celebrations in Chesterfield began in 1819. They request that all articles concerning current history be accompanied by a list of all names and places mentioned in the article to facilitate indexing.
- F. Chesterfield History Book – 10 chapters are completed and 5 chapters are in the works. The next Book Committee meeting will be October 30 at 7:30 p.m. at Arland's house.
- G. Bettendorf/Sachs House – on hold

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Faust Park Fine Arts and Folk Festival – rain on Saturday kept attendance down, \$57.00 was collected from CHC sales.
- B. Potential Faust Park Site – temporary use of Davis House is on hold

- C. Upcoming Meetings – CHC November meeting will be Thursday, November 13 at 7:00 p.m. CHC will meet with the Landmarks Commission and the Heritage Foundation at City Hall.
- D. Historical Commission Mission Statement – the original Mission Statement for CHC was approved by the City Council on 3 October 1988. It reads as follows: “The purpose is to gather and establish a history of Chesterfield; to record and assist the City in publishing said history; to publicize and make known the rich history of the City of Chesterfield, and to make these findings available to others for instruction and enjoyment.”

1. Dave Borlin has proposed the following changes to the mission statement:
“The Mission of the Chesterfield Historical Commission is to assist the City Government in:

The acquisition, storage, and documentation of information and artifacts related to the history of the region within the existing City Limits of Chesterfield.

The production of historical publications, newspaper articles, and public exhibits designed to promote the history of the Chesterfield region.

The preparation and delivery of lectures, tours, and school activities to actively distribute historical information for the enjoyment and education of our citizens.

2. Suggested additions to the above statement included using past and present (living) history and stating that CHC works with the Landmarks Commission and the Heritage Foundation.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Historical Commission Committee Membership – the names of the committees and the chairpersons are listed below. The chairpersons are asked to provide Dave with a description of their committees in 25 words or less. Every member of CHC should serve on at least one committee.
1. Calendars – Arland Stemme
 2. Official History of Chesterfield (Book Committee) – Ann Chrissos
 3. Tours – Dan Rothwell
 4. History Museum – Jane Durrell
 5. Interviewing – Arland Stemme
 6. Archives – Joan Schacht
 7. Educational Talks – Dan Rothwell
 8. Faust Festival Booths – Ted Goedecke
 9. Native American Artifacts – Mark Leach
 10. Coloring Book – Dan Rothwell & Nell Goedecke
 11. Programs Open to the Public – Chris Landram
 12. Book Inventory – Dave & Shari Borlin
 13. Other Festivals – Chris Landram

B. Gene Schenberg – presently out of the country, he should be at the November meeting

ANNOUNCEMENT

Dave and Shari Borlin will be attending the Regional Historical Societies Meeting in Webster Groves on October 26 from 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Joan made the motion to ask the City for funds to transcribe interviews, Barbara Whitman second the motion and it passed with a voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be Thursday, November 13, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Submitted by Ann Chrissos