

Chesterfield Historical Commission
Minutes – November 12, 2003

Present:

Bill Wunderlich, Co- Chair presiding
Marsha Boeck
Connie Farkas
Sue Gill
Nell Goedecke
Ted Goedecke
Christina Landram

Robert E. Landram
Marcella Mertz
Henry Pecherski
Dan Rothwell
Arland Stemme
Terry Wunderlich
Jane Durrell, Council Liaison
Brian W. Calderwood, guest

The meeting was called to order at 7:30PM by Bill Wunderlich, Co- Chair. Mayor John Nations stopped in briefly to say hello and to thank everyone for their fine work.

Minutes

The minutes of the October 2003 meeting were reviewed. The date of the minutes was incorrect and changed to October 8, 2003. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report

- Marcella Mertz reported that our balance is \$14,905.48. Our income for the year is \$4,769.00 and our expenses are \$3,016.57.
- Connie Farkas is having difficulty getting reports from the City. Marcella Mertz reported that to her knowledge 2 of the Rothwell books were sold in the past month.
- Arland Stemme reported 57 calendars sold for a total of \$285.00.

Old Business

- Robert and Christina Landram reported for the Lewis and Clark Celebration Committee. The marketing committee had a meeting. The committee has developed 2 flyers for the program series and also bookmarks that can be distributed to libraries and other appropriate places. The DAR will also be helping us with publicity. We are listed on two websites: www.lewisandclark.mo.us and www.celebrate2004.org The information will also be included in the Chesterfield Citizen and the information will be sent to local newspapers. We will also try to target some youth groups.

A Recap of Our Special Programs: Dates for the programs have been set for March 10, 2004, April 21, 2004 and May 12, 2004. Diane Moran will be the first speaker. She is a re-enactor of Sacagawea. Bob Moore is confirmed as the presenter for the second lecture on April 21. Mr. Moore has written a book on the Lewis and Clark Expedition, he is employed by the National Parks Service at the Gateway Arch Museum. His presentation will be "The US Military and the Corps of Discovery". Jessie Francis will be the presenter on May 12, 2004. The topic is "French Colonialism and Its Influence on the Corps of Discovery. Mr. Francis is a historian, employed at Faust Park.

- Henry Pecherski and Connie Farkas are working on the display case for Bonhomme Church. It was decided that it would be best to try to consolidate some of the artifacts that are in the display case now and move them to another display case. The question was asked regarding the laws separating church and state. Was it appropriate to put a church display in a governmental building? The Historical

Commission stands by its decision to display the artifacts from Bonhomme Church on the basis that the old church is the 1st Registered National Historic Landmark in Chesterfield. The early members of the church were some of the original settling families in Chesterfield.

- Arland Stemme reported that the Old Spaghetti Factory has chosen 12 negatives from our collection of historic photos to use for the new restaurant that they are building in Chesterfield.

New Business

- Henry Pecherski reported that there is a possibility of an individual donating a large collection of artifacts to the Historical Commission. Henry stated that we need to have a system for logging in the artifacts received. He is working on a form for us to use.
- Terry Wunderlich and Conie Farkas will work on documenting the inventory of artifacts from Bonhomme Church. It was also stated that we should have an agreement with the church to borrow the artifacts for 1 year.
- Marcella Mertz suggested that we take a group photo of the commission. We agreed that we should do this, but we will organize it sometime after the holidays.

Adjournment

Bill Wunderlich thanked everyone. He announced that the next meeting would be our holiday party/meeting. The location will be the Wunderlich home, #16 Foxhunt Drive. The meeting was adjourned.

Reminder: The next meeting will be on December 10, 2003 at 7:30PM, at #16 Foxhunt Drive.

Submitted by Marsha Boeck