

# 2024 Annual Meeting Indian Hill Historical Society Annual Meeting Minutes

Little Red Schoolhouse  
Sunday, April 21, 2024, 4:30 p.m.

The 2024 Annual Meeting of the Indian Hill Historical Society was held on Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at the Little Red Schoolhouse prior to the start of the Covalt's Station program.

President Rosemary Welsh called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

She asked for a motion to approve the Annual meeting minutes from 2023. The minutes were approved.

Rosemary provided a recap of the 2023-2024 program season which started with the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of The Indian Hill Historical Society at Peterloon. Next, the second Authors Series event was held with Dr. Allen Guelzo who spoke at CCDS about "Lincoln and Democracy" and met with students at Indian Hill High School the following day. The 43<sup>rd</sup> Village Christmas Party was a wonderful community event to celebrate the season at the Schoolhouse. The 31<sup>st</sup> year of the One-Room Schoolhouse Experience welcomed local 4<sup>th</sup> graders to experience school in the late 1800s. In March, local food critic Polly Campbell shared the history of Cincinnati's local food and beverage traditions. Today's program with author Steven Early will teach us about the early pioneers in the area and the establishment of Covalt's Station which was in today's Terrace Park. The final season event will be the Patron Party to be held in a beautiful Indian Hill home in thanks to our generous supporters.

Rosemary recognized Ginny White who has been a major contributor to the Historical Society through her leadership and the two marvelous books she has written about Indian Hill. Ginny was also the Grand Marshall of Indian Hill's Fourth of July Parade in 2023.

Looking forward, there is much work to be done on the historical structures that the Society maintains. The Society renovated and moved into Buckingham Lodge in 1989. Thirty-five years later, updates are planned for the offices, library, and workspaces with the work starting toward the end of the year. The Schoolhouse's roof needs replacement. In 2021, the Board established a capital fund account to earmark money for projects such as these. The stock market has been good, and the Society's endowment fund has been growing. While the Society is financially sound, a future fund-raising campaign is being planned to ensure the aforementioned projects and future maintenance needs can be met.

Rosemary thanked the membership for their continued support.

Chair of the Nominating Committee, Susan Holzapfel, spoke about the Board of Trustees. Each Trustee is to serve a term of 3 years. There are six Trustees whose terms expired in March 2024. All six have agreed to continue on the board: George Glover, Susan Holzapfel, Ed Jacobs, Kent Little, Lois Rust, and Rosemary Welsh. Three new members were previously confirmed to fill seats which were vacated earlier in the year. These Trustees include Greg Kenny, Don McGraw, and Scott Sayre. Two

other Trustees have recently stepped down and the Board voted to add a new seat, so there were 3 new Trustees for a confirmation vote. The slate of names included Allison Kahn, Ashley Kothehal, and Beth Onthank. A motion was made and approved to add these three new members to the Board of Trustees.

With there being no additional business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted for Rosemary Ballard  
By Lawre Bonekemper and Lindsay McLean