

## Indian Hill Historical Society

# Trustee Meeting

Tuesday, September 10, 2024, 5:00 – Little Red Schoolhouse

Attendees: John Armstrong, Rosemary Ballard, Brenda Benzar, Barb Hauck, Susan Holzapfel, Chip Hunter, Ed Jacobs, Allison Kahn, Ashley Kothegal, Kent Little, Doug Manzler, Don McGraw, Pam Middendorff, Michael Muth, Dan Peters, Janet Reynolds, Lois Rust, Scott Sayre, Rosemary Welsh, and Ginny White

Staff members present were Lawre Bonekemper and Lindsay McLean.

Rosemary Welsh called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

### **President's Opening Remarks:** Rosemary Welsh

Rosemary discussed the conflict-of-interest policy and form. The policy covers financial relationships as well as a standard of performance, both professionally and ethically. She reminded everyone that Trustees' activities reflect on the Society.

#### **I. Minutes: June 11, 2024:** Rosemary Ballard

The minutes, as emailed, were approved and seconded.

Rosemary Welsh requested that an addendum to the minutes be made documenting that the new membership rates were subsequently approved at the August Executive Committee meeting.

#### **II. Treasurer Report, June, July, August 2024:** Chip Hunter

Chip reported that the account balances at the end of August totaled just shy of \$4,000,000.

#### **III. Membership Report: May 2024:** Kent Little

Kent noted that the current membership is 333. Some 1873 Club members have not renewed at that level with the new higher dollar rate, but hopefully other memberships will make up for that decline.

#### **IV. Buildings and Grounds:** Ed Jacobs / Chip Hunter

##### **a. Little Red Schoolhouse:**

The contract for the new roof work utilizing synthetic shake shingle has been signed for \$67,715. The work is expected to start in November.

New shutters will also be selected and installed at the Schoolhouse. In August, the Executive Committee decided to purchase wooden shutters instead of synthetic ones which will save about \$30,000. The wooden shutters should last for 10 years.

##### **b. Buckingham Lodge Renovation Contract**

The space planner, Ann Linck, met with Barb, Chip, Lindsay, and Lawre today to review the renovation plans. There will be some deaccessioning of furniture and items prior to the renovation work.

**V. Advisory Board Update: Ashley Kothehal**

Ashley reported that the Advisory Board is working to reenergize and attract more people. The group will support Pam Middendorff's Trees and Trails event this fall. A pig roast and bourbon party at the Schoolhouse is being considered for next June. Andrew Wiebold will be the head of the Advisory Board.

**VI. Staff Reports: Lawre Bonekemper, Lindsay McLean, and Trish Krehbiel**

Written reports were submitted by the Administrator, Historian, and Archivist. Lawre announced that there is a new office cell phone number: 513-473-6955. You may now call / text this number for IHHS matters.

**VII. Old Business:**

**a. 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of LRS, Sep. 15<sup>th</sup>:** Barb Hauck

Barb reviewed the assignments for the event. At the event there will be a musician, coloring contest, face painter, balloon artist, and cornhole game. The interior of the Schoolhouse will focus on the history of the building and the Historical Society. It will be set up like a museum, and there will be an ongoing video of past IHHS activities. A reception table will be open for late arrivals and registration. The Bengals game starts at 4:00 p.m. Consideration will be given whether to show that game on the screen during the last hour of the event.

**b. Authors Series, Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>:** John Armstrong

John has been working closely w/ CCDS (Rob Zimmerman) and IHHS (Andy Gruber) on this event. Additionally, there is a lot more student involvement this year. To date, fundraising has brought in \$1,500 of the \$10,000 goal. Dr. Jonathan White is the author, and he will discuss his book, House Built by Slaves when he visits with the students.

**VIII. New Business:**

**a. Program Assignment Sheets:** Rosemary Ballard

Rosemary Ballard noted that there are still vacancies on the sign-up sheets for the 2024 – '25 season. She suggested co-chairing programs. Several Board members agreed to help with program leadership. Rosemary Welsh agreed to be the chair for the November program and Doug Manzler and Ashley Kothehal will chair the Trim-a-Tree with Barb Hauck and Rosemary Ballard as their mentors for the event.

Rosemary Ballard is also working on a location for the Patron Party in the Spring of 2025.

**b. Hunter Trials, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>:** Pam Middendorff

Pam passed around volunteer sign-ups for the Hunter Trials and trail clearing behind the Little Red Schoolhouse. The Hunter Trials will be set up on Friday, and Saturday is the show which starts at 9am. Midday Saturday (10am-2pm) is the busiest time.

**c. Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra Quarter, November 17<sup>th</sup>:** Rosemary Ballard

The event will feature a quartet and a catered meal by Peggy Uchtman.

- d. 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Campaign:** Rosemary Welsh  
A campaign brochure was mailed to the entire Village and IHHS membership with Annual Mailer. Thus far, \$16,000 has been contributed.
  
- e. Trail Clearing, Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>:** Michael Muth  
An event to clear invasive plants in Albers Woods (behind the Little Red Schoolhouse) will start at 9am. Bring your own tools. Andrew Wiebold will provide lunch after the event.

With there being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted for Rosemary Ballard,  
By Lawre Bonekemper and Lindsay McLean

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 8, 2024, 5:00 p.m., Little Red Schoolhouse**