

**BELLBROOK HISTORICAL MUSEUM
BOARD MEETING
March 28, 2023**



Call to Order - Chairman Dwight Bartlett called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

Attending - Dwight Bartlett, Elaine Middlestetter, David Casler, Pete Wixted, Janis Stratis, Guest; Melissa Jones

Approval of Minutes – The minutes of the last regular meeting of September 27, 2022 were approved as read. There was no meeting due to lack of a quorum for the month of November, 2022. There was no regular meeting scheduled in the month of January, 2022.

OLD BUSINESS:

Museum Building Restoration – The museum renovations are now coming to an end. The last phase is getting new window sashes. The frames and sills also remain to be done. Dwight has met with the city to identify various projects to be addressed to preserve the integrity of the museum. The city, YBR brick donations, along with the Historical Society donations, have made it possible for the museum building restoration. Once the logs were exposed, they were in such good shape, that it was decided not to cover them up. The Crowl building is still ongoing. The museum security system is currently disabled and needs to be updated with cameras and alerts.

Digital Progress – There are still photos that need to be processed. Our overall inventory has been done quite a while ago. Our Past Perfect program is working well. We are about 90% done.

Wagon – The wagon renovation is still ongoing. Ideally, we will have volunteers to help during workshops that will be scheduled.

Yellow Brick Road – We currently have four orders. Five orders are needed to place an order to obtain free shipping. Janis Stratis and Elaine Middlestetter will be set up at the museum during the Sugar Maple Festival, with brick information to inform the public and possibly obtain more orders.

Third Grade Museum Tour – Steve Berryhill and Pete Wixted are preparing for the 3rd Grade Tours. Melissa Jones pointed out that with the Ohio Revised Code in place, that any volunteers need to be fingerprinted and also have a background check.

YouTube Museum Series – In conjunction with the museum tours, Pete Wixted envisions setting up various types of our museum tours online. This would be for the purpose of guests from around the country to be able to see our museum from the web. The clips could be highlighted in multiple ways; from a basic museum tour, as well as our “haunted” tours that we historically have held in the fall. This would be a significant way in expanding our presence through social media and for those who may have moved away, to once again experience their hometown.

NEW BUSINESS:

Curator – Due to her ongoing back injury, Judy Carr is no longer able to continue on as curator for the museum. Melissa Jones reported that the position has been posted. To date, there is one application in and another interested party.

Rotating Room – Pete Wixted is planning on contacting Alice Wiseman regarding ideas for the Rotating Room. Dwight Bartlett suggested having the museum restoration pictures as a featured exhibit, as well as our corner cupboard being displayed. In addition, he is hoping there is a booth with all of the Sugar Maple plates made available for the public. Time is of the essence to have all in place for the festival.

Meeting Adjourned – Dwight Bartlett closed the meeting at 8:22 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janis Stratis
Recording Secretary