

**City of Grosse Pointe Woods  
Historical Commission Minutes  
20025 Mack Plaza Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236  
November 11, 2021**

**1. Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Grosse Pointe Woods Historical Commission was called to order at 7:38 pm by Chair Sean Murphy.

**2. Roll Call**

**Present:** Del Harkenrider, Shirley Hartert, Suzanne Kent, Stephanie Listman, Lynne Millies, Sean Murphy, Frank Romano, Becky Veitengruber, Giles Wilborn and Mary Kaye Ferry

**Excused:** Jim Motschall

**Also Present:** Council Representative, Kenn Gafa

**3. Approval of Agenda**

**Motion** by Ferry, seconded by Hartert to add 6C: Memorial Day, to the agenda. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

**4. Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion** by Millies, seconded by Harkengruber to approve the October 14, 2021 minutes. Ayes: all. motion carried.

**5. Items:**

**Report of Treasurer**

Murphy reported the Commission Balance is \$1,905.00 and the balance of Cook School is \$30,543.05. Motion by Ferry, seconded by Kent to accept the Treasurer's report. Ayes: all. Motion carried.

**6. Old Business**

**A. Cook School:**

1. Murphy met with Nichole and reported that she would like to attend a Historical Commission Meeting to discuss our concerns. The Commission files will be kept at City Hall.
2. Millies reported that we will be receiving a new shelving unit and that a railing has been installed going to the basement. Commission members should not carry anything up or down the stairs. Someone from the Community Center will do that. An area will be marked off for our files. Photos were taken of the Cook School walls before items were removed for Polar Express. Everything will be returned as before.
3. Kent reported that the September Cook School Open House was on the calendar. Notice that there would not be a September open house was put on the web site.
4. A resident has offered to donate a blackboard to Cook School. Harkengruber will check it out.

**B. Commission Files:**

Kent discussed the list of things to do in preparation for possibly digitizing our files. All items would have to be described as to event, date, those present, etc. We again discussed what items would be saved and digitized.

Hartert noted that the Grosse Pointe Historical Society has been digitizing 130 years of DAR files in exchange for a sizable donation to purchase the digitizing machine. Ferry reported that the Historical Society is having a new building constructed and is unable to help us at this time.

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### **C. Memorial Day Ceremony**

Ferry reported that since outdoor events have resumed in the Woods, we should begin to plan for the 2022 Ceremony. Mel Stander's Gentlemen of Swing has been disbanded. Veitengruber will contact Grosse Pointe North and Listman will inquire about groups that play in Nursing Care Centers for possible groups to perform patriotic music at the event.

### **7. New Business: None**

### **8 Public and Commissioner Comments:**

Council Representative Gafa updated the Commission on city matters.

### **9. Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kaye Ferry, Secretary

**The next meeting of the Grosse Pointe Woods Historical Commission will take place at the Community Center, Commission Room, 20025 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods on December 9, 2021 at 7:30pm.**