MINUTES

Present: Bob Marsden, Patty Phelps, Sherry Hamilton, Rosemary Dean, Joan Weston, Chris Rosehart, Donna Scanlan, Dianne MacKeigan.

Absent with Regrets:

Also Present: Guest- John Lessif

1. Call to Order
   The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm

2. Adoption of Agenda
   Resolution #1
   Moved by: Joan Weston
   Seconded by: Rosemary Dean
   THAT the Agenda as prepared for the Museum Advisory Committee meeting of January 23 be adopted with the following additions under New Business.
   c) North Fence
   d) Vice Chair resignation
   e) Museum Storage
   f) Report from meeting of Chairs and Vice Chairs
   Carried

3. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof
   There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest declared.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting
   Minutes of the Meeting for December were circulated and approved.

5. General Business & Reports
   5.1 Financial Report- $134,327.50 is the balance in the Trust Account
   5.2 Curator’s Report- The curator’s report was circulated and discussed and is attached.
   Chris Rosehart questioned the curator as to the amount charged for School Programming. The cost to students is $3.00
Sherry Hamilton questioned the efficacy of the Lunch and Learn programs being held on two days instead of one. Patty will find out the program room capacity and report back to the next meeting.

5.3 New Business
a) The following dates were set for a tour of the facility:
   Sunday, February 2 at 12:00 pm for the tour
   Thursday, March 27- arrive at 4:00 pm for an audio visual presentation of the museum’s move to its current location prior to our regular meeting.

b) Donna Scanlan presented a report on the Christmas stocking penny sale. (attached)

c) The north fence repair costs were removed from the budget. Concern was raised about the safety of this fence as well as its decrepit appearance. An effort will be made to determine ownership of the patch of weeds causing concern for the Horticultural Club with a view to contacting the bylaw officer to enforce clean up.

d) The resignation of the vice chair of this committee was accepted by council necessitating the election of a new vice chair.

Resolution #2
Moved by: Sherry Hamilton
Seconded by: Rosemary Dean
THAT Joan Weston be nominated to serve as Vice Chair of the Museum Advisory Committee.
Carried

e) $5000 was placed in the reserve fund for extra museum storage that is desperately needed. The committee will see this for themselves with the facility tour planned for February 2.

f) Sherry Hamilton made a brief report on the meeting of Chairs and Vice Chairs of committees arranged by the Town of Tillsonburg. High lights included: new templates, governance and roles of members, attendance difficulties of some committees and the need for co-operation of committees when interests overlap.

6. Next Meeting- Thursday, February 27, 2020

7. Adjournment
Resolution #3
Moved by: Joan Weston
Seconded by: Dianne MacKeigan
THAT the January 23rd meeting of the Museum Advisory Committee be adjourned at 5:38 pm.
Carried
ANNANDALE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE
Curator’s Report - January 2020

ATTENDANCE FIGURES
- As anticipated year-end numbers are lower than 2019
- Prior to Q4 numbers had increased each quarter over 2018
- Loss of school programming impacted the fourth quarter and year-end

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EXHIBIT IN THE PRATT GALLERY
- First exhibit of 2020 “Our Painting Past – an exhibit highlighting the paintings from the museum’s collection”
- 47 paintings on display
- Local artist including Tillson family members
- Date range of works in show from late 1880’s through the 1970’s
- Opening Sunday, February 2 at 2pm – 02/02/2020
- Exhibit runs until March 29, 2020

CHRISTMAS SEASON “UN” DECORATING
- “un” decorating has been completed
- Started January 6 was finished Jan. 17th (two full weeks to get everything down and put away)
- Period rooms within Annandale House being put back in order
- Tillson Gallery and Military Room to be worked on after opening of exhibit in Pratt Gallery

MAYOR’S LEVEE
- Event deemed as success by organizers (Tillsonburg & District Historical Society)
- Attendance recorded as 118

SCHOOL & PA DAY PROGRAMING
- In-class Valentine’s Day Program has been offered to local elementary schools
- Grade 6 class from Westfield has booked – but may cancel due to labour issues
- Culture & Heritage Program Coordinator delivering an 1.5 hour program at the complex PA Day Camp - Friday, Jan. 24/20

PENNY SALE
- 20 filled stockings donated
- Draw held Friday, December 20, 2019
- Winners contacted and all stockings were picked up
- Total net proceeds raised $ 763
ORIGININAL PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTWORK RAFFLE

- The original photographic artwork by Jennifer Jackson won by Coco Scoon
- Total net proceeds raised $665.00 for Trust Fund

OCCI CORNER GALLERY

- 72 pieces sold throughout 2019
- Work sold included; paintings, jewellery, pottery, woven textiles, wood worked pieces
- 2019 total commission to Trust $818.39

2020 CALENDAR OF EXHIBITS & EVENTS

- Calendar has been confirmed
- New children’s programing added for March break and summer months
- Family workshops being offered - linked to exhibits in Pratt gallery
- Power point presentations for 2020 will look at
  - Photos from the Tillsonburg News
  - 20 amazing artifacts from 4 categories; textiles, wood, ceramics & paper
- Lunch & Learn Series
  - Still popular – so still offered
  - Speakers for 2020; Laurel Beechey, Joan Weston, Kathleen Watkin & Patricia Phelps
- New Social Teas & Luncheon added
  - Seasonal themes of Valentines & St. Patrick’s Day
  - Flapper Luncheon and lecture highlighting the 1920’s fashion in the collection
- Copy of complete calendar attached

TURTLEFEST & CANADA DAY

- Planning meeting of town-wide Turtlefest committee scheduled for next week
- Planning meeting of town-wide Canada Day committee scheduled for February 26
- Curator to attend and will keep committee up-dated as events are finalized
- Museum plans for Turtlefest and Canada Day are being worked on
ANNANDALE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE
CONFIRMED 2020 CALENDAR OF EXHIBITS & EVENTS

EXHIBITIONS IN PRATT GALLERY
Feb. 2 to Mar. 29 – “Our Painting Past” – an exhibit highlighting the museum’s art collection
April 19 to June 14 – “100th Anniversary of the Tillsonburg News”
June 28 to August 30 – “Then & Now – 20 quilts for 2020” exhibit in partnership with the Station House Quilters and Fibre Artists featuring 10 modern quilts and 10 historic quilts
Sept. 4 to Nov. 1 – OCCI Art Show – “Small & Beautiful - Miniature works of art by members of OCCI”
Nov. 27 to Jan. 3 2021 – “Jingle Bell Rock Christmas” exhibit highlighting seasonal music.

EXHIBIT OPENINGS
Everyone is invited to the Exhibition Openings in the Pratt Gallery
Admission by Donation * Light refreshments in the OCCI Corner Gallery
Sunday, Feb 2 at 2pm – “Our Painting Past”
Sunday, April 19 at 2 pm – 100th Anniversary of the Tillsonburg News
Sunday, June 28 at 2 pm – Then & Now – 20 Quilts for 2020
Friday, Sept. 4 at 7 pm – OCCI Art Show “Small and Bold – Miniature works of art from our members”
Friday, Nov. 27 at 7 pm – Jingle Bell Rock Christmas

HOLIDAY EVENTS & FESTIVALS
Tour Annandale NHS and join in on the fun - Admission by Donation * call for complete details
Sunday, January 5, at 2 pm: Annual Mayor’s Levee
Monday, Feb. 17 10 am to 3 pm: Family Day Fun at the museum
Sunday, March 8, 1 to 4 pm: The museum celebrates International Women’s Day with FREE admission to all women.
Friday, June 19 at dusk: Movie on the lawn for Turtlefest
Saturday, June 20 - 10 am to 3 pm: Turtlefest Fun on the Lawn
Wednesday, July1 - 12 to 3 pm: Canada Day Open House & Fun Fair on the lawn
Saturday August 8 -12 to 3 pm: Teddy Bear Picnic on the lawn
Friday, November 27 – 7 to 9 pm: Lighting of trees on museum lawn & exhibit opening
Saturday & Sunday Nov. 28 & 29 – Christmas Open House

SOCIAL TEAS & LUNCHEONS
Socialize with friends and neighbours at the museum
Admission to Annandale NHS included * Call for complete details and pricing * Limited seating * Advanced tickets only
Friday, February 14 at 2 pm: Valentine’s Day Social Tea
Tuesday, March 17 at 12 noon: St. Patrick’s Day Luncheon. Come for Irish Stew and Soda Bread followed by a talk exploring Irish roots in Tillsonburg.
Friday, September 25 at 2 pm: Pie Tea not High Tea. Everyone is invited to join us for homemade Pie served with ice cream and tea or coffee.
Friday, October 16 at 12 noon: “Flapper” Luncheon. Come for a hot lunch followed by a lecture highlighting the museum’s 1920’s fashion collection.
Friday, December 4 at 2 pm: Christmas Corsage Tea. Come for tea and Christmas goodies, leave with a Christmas Corsage. Ticket includes a guided tour of Annandale House decorated for the season.

LUNCH & LEARN SERIES
Thursday, Feb. 27 & Fri. Feb. 28 - “China’s Hero: Dr. Tillson Lever Harrison” – guest lecturer Laurel Beechey
Thursday, Mar. 26 & Fri. Mar. 27 - “All A Board – the continuing story of Tillsonburg’s railroad history” – guest lecturer Joan Weston

Thursday, April 23 & Fri. Apr. 24 – “Tillsonburg & the Great San Francisco Earthquake” – lecturer Patricia Phelps

Thursday, May 28 & Fri. May 29 – “Hats, Hats, & more Hats – the story of Tillsonburg’s Millinery departments” – lecturer Kathleen Watkin

POWER POINT PRESENTATION SERIES
A series of power point presentations and interesting talks Offered on Wednesdays at 2:00pm
By donation - light refreshments

PHOTOS FROM THE TILLSONBURG NEWS
April 22 – People & Places
April 29 – Sports
May 6 – Events
May 13 – Emergencies

20 AMAZING ARTIFACTS FROM THE COLLECTION FOR 2020
September 23 – Wooden artifacts
September 29 – Glass & Ceramic artifacts
October 7 – Textile artifacts
October 14 – Paper artifacts

WORKSHOPS & FAMILY FUN

Friday, March 20 at 2 pm: Sleeping Beauty Tea Party. Join Sleeping Beauty, Princess Aurora, for an afternoon tea party with crafts, cookies and tea of course. Pre-registration required – limited space – call for pricing

Saturday, April 4 at 1 pm: Ukrainian Egg Decorating workshop. Come learn how to make your very own Ukrainian egg. Instruction and all supplies included. Pre-registration required – limited space – call for pricing

Sunday, May 3 at 1pm: Family papermaking workshop. Come out and learn how to make your own paper. Instruction and all supplies included. Pre-registration required – limited space – call for pricing

Tuesday and Thursday July 7 through August 20 at 1- 3 pm: “Stop-by -- Time Travel Club.” Come join the fun at the museum as we play pioneer games, make ice cream and much more. Theme changes daily – open to all ages. Call for pricing

Sunday, September 20 at 1 pm: Family Painting Workshop. Come out and create your own tiny masterpiece. Instruction and all supplies included. Pre-registration required – limited space – call for pricing

ON THE LAWN
Thursday evenings at 7 pm throughout July & August – Yoga on the lawn
Sunday evenings throughout the summer – Music on the Lawn brought to you by the Tillsonburg & District Historical Society

ALL DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE – CALL TO CONFIRM
519-842-2294