



**ACME TOWNSHIP
HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Friday, January 16, 2009, Noon
Acme Township Hall
6042 Acme Road, Williamsburg MI 49690**

Meeting called to Order at 12:01 pm

Members present: B. Whiting (Chair), D. Dunville, D. Galligan, E. Huver-Kuncaitis, S. Vreeland, Township Manager

Members excused: C. Wacker

Staff present: N. Edwardson, Recording Secretary

1. Approval of December 15, 2008, meeting minutes

MOTION BY DUNVILLE. SECONDED BY HUVER-KUNCAITIS TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 15, 2008, ADVISORY MINUTES AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. Limited Public Comment

3. Old Business:

a. Action items from December 15, 2008, meeting

The Knollwood is not currently available as a potential home for the Heritage Advisory. In eighteen months the township will close on the acquiring of the Knollwood. At that time we can discuss our options of moving the house, or tearing it down. Bertha Vos and Yuba Schools are not available at this time either. Whiting called The Music House but they are closed until May of 2009. Vreeland said there are two contact people for The Music House, Sally Lewis and Phil Pelkey. Vreeland also suggested looking on their website for any information.

Whiting reported that she had purchased three boxes @ \$9.00 a piece to store Bertha Vos artifacts in. Whiting, Dunville and Galligan will work on this project as soon as they can decide on a date.

Dunville has not been able to contact Ron Jolly as of today. She will continue to work on contacting him. Whiting said that if Mr. Jolly was not available perhaps he could train others to do the interviewing. We reviewed the list of potential people to interview. Additional names were added, Dan Morrison, Barbara Kopau Morrison, Daisy Pollister, John Pulcifer, Sr., David Amon to name a few. Whiting asked Galligan how much money he needed for supplies and he said he would use his own equipment and replace supplies as we go along. Whiting will try to reach local movie producer, Richard Baurer, to ask about the availability of his studio to help in the recording.

Dunville provided copies of a Step-by-Step Guide to Oral History for committee members. The information will serve to be very helpful as we prepare to interview.

4. New Business:

Karen Kane, 9851 Kay Ray Road, talked about the Yuba School preservation committee, a committee she co-chairs with Nels Veliquette. She talked of their plans to preserve the Yuba school and restore the building to the original one room school house, complete with the chalkboards and popbelly stove, and outdoor restrooms. Her committee visions groups of school children visiting the school and spending a day there just like in the past. She gave a brief history of Yuba, that once had three post offices, general store and a church, during the hayday of the sawmill operation. Acme was known as Sweetwater. She would like to maintain a separate identity from the Acme Heritage Committee but would welcome sharing costs of the interviewing and researching.

Donna Sayler, 8265 Sayler Road, also a member of the Yuba preservation committee, commented that there is a lot of local interest.

Vreeland told the advisory that the 2% Tribal grant cycle ended on December 30, 2008. We have applied for playground equipment and funding for the Heritage Advisory.

Huver-Kuncaitis showed the committee a journal that she had where one could write down memories. She suggested that, as a committee, we might provide such a book to our older residents. It could also be used as a tool for fundraising. The committee talked about having area students help the elderly with writing down their memories.

Kladder did some research on the internet and found in Arcadia, Michigan, an old school house that had been restored into a museum. He provided a handout with a picture and some information. Kladder suggested that perhaps in the Spring the committee could visit.

Whiting wrote an article for the Township newsletter regarding the Heritage Advisory.

No meeting date for February was chosen.

Kladder commented that perhaps the timing was right to have a professional fundraiser for this committee. He will begin to look into this.

Adjourn 1:24 pm