

Spotswood Cultural and Heritage Commission
Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2023

Present:

Brian Engstrom, Marc Fafara, Jack Eichenlaub,, Gary Castellano, Chris Borzuku, Art Campbell, Joe Schwartz. Guests Fred DeVoe.

1. Meeting called to order at 7:08 pm by Chairman Jack Eichenlaub.
2. Minutes were distributed. Motion to accept by Gary Castellano second by Chris Borzuku. Motion passed.
3. Fred DeVoe attended our meeting. He is still doing research on his family's history and heritage.
4. DeVoe Lake Project update provided by Jack Eichenlaub. The sign company has completed our DeVoe lake sign. They will also provide us, free of charge, the new sign for the upping coach stone monument in front of the municipal building. Jack indicated that installation is postponed.
5. The mayor's office and counsel purchased for the commission a glass display case for historical items to be displayed in the municipal building. The glass display case is 60" high w/ top & side lights, wheels, locking sliding door. Cost is \$ 5,300.
The commission needs to do more research to provide a list for historical items in our Everpresent project this year.
6. The commission had our annual dinner in December at Fresco's in Milltown.
7. The commission has budgeted trolley tours for 2023. Some of the trolley tours may include Spotswood Historical Day, Memorial Day Parade or Fourth of July Day.
The commission will present at the senior center a "Historical Presentation". Guest speakers will be Jack and Chuck.
8. The Cultural and Heritage Commission purchased 250 magnets that will be given away during the year.
9. Jack gave out the new commission shirts that will be worn at our events.
10. Old/new business:
The town has approved in its budget for a new web master and internet provider to improve our town's web site. The commission will be able to have more online history exposure.
New projects.
Gary Castellano suggested that the commission provide more historical picture images of historic places in town. Marc Fafara said that we can use QR codes on our plaques. Joe Schwartz suggested that when we get the new web master for the town, we could set up an on-line sight and use the QR codes for the historical plaques. Joe also talked about having images on glass plaques. Art Campbell wanted the commission to provide new historic pictures of the town by contacting or doing research on Google. Another project was discussed about a replica of a historic clock in town.

Respectfully submitted,
Marc Fafara , Secretary