

THE FAIRVIEW AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY



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SPRING 2016 NEWSLETTER

Report from the March Meeting

Members voted on the by-laws changes as well as the new board members. They are, including term period:

President – Kay Lynne Picheco (1 year)
V. President – Michael Gallagher (2 years)
Secretary – Karen Hampton (1 year)*
Treasurer – Jim Getz (2 years)
Ways & Means – Pat Linkoski (2 years)
Maintenance – J.R. Freeman (2 years)
Member-at-large – Jim Bolla (1 year)
Appointed:
Hospitality – Jane Hess
Media Chair – Sabina Freeman

*Karen resigned and Carole Hanna was appointed to replace her.

Congratulations to all. Among the by-laws changes are:

- 1) the number of board members (from nine to seven)
- 2) the number of meetings (from seven to four)

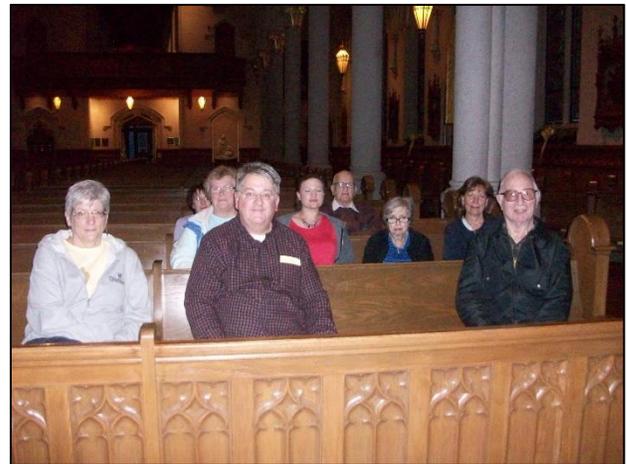
Meetings to date:

March 16 Meeting (see above)
April 20 Meeting (a tour of St. Patrick's Cathedral)

The next two meetings are:

August 17 Membership Picnic. 6 pm. at the Avonia Beach Bldg., Bring table service and a dish to share.
Fall Meeting (Date to be determined)

Information will be in our fall newsletter.



Michael Gallagher (front, middle) was the guide for seven members and two guests who took the April 20 tour of this incredible church building. It was very much enjoyed by all who attended.

200 Club Tickets

Included with this newsletter are two tickets for our annual spring fundraiser, the 200 Club. This has been a successful venture for the Historical Society and a great return for many of our lucky members.

Drawings begin on Friday, May 20 and continue for twelve weeks. The final drawing will be at the Membership Picnic. You do not have to be present to win, but the picnic is a great time to see the old

Netherland Club (Brugger) building, enjoy the view and oh, yes, most importantly, socialize with the other members. Beverages will be provided. Why not plan to attend?

SUMMER SCHEDULE

EXHIBIT: In past years the Society has offered a summer-long exhibit, and was open each Sunday afternoon. This summer the Memorial Weekend Open hours will be the same: Sunday, May 29 – Noon to 4 p.m.; Monday, May 30 – about 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. (We will open after the ceremony at the cemetery and following that, the dedication at Buseck Park near the Post Office.) The exhibit will be **“The Brave 83rd Regiment, P.V.”** This regiment, which organized in 1861 in Erie County, took part in nearly every major eastern battle of the Civil War.

The exhibit will be open again for the last weekend of June. Hours will be Saturday, June 26 – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, June 27 – 1 to 4 p.m.

During the Memorial Weekend we will be honored with the presence of several members of the French Creek Reenactors. During the June open hours we will be honored with several members of the 83rd Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers reenactors.

As usual, we will need docents, two or three at a time for two-hour stints. Please call Kay Lynne Picheco and volunteer for a shift.

July Activity at the Sturgeon House:

On Sunday, July 24 we are planning a “Quilt Show and Tell.” Bring your favorite quilt (for whatever reason) and a brief write-up of why it’s your favorite: your grandmother made it, etc., etc. Call Mike Gallagher (833-4524) if you have a quilt you would like to show. They will be on display all around the first floor, along with each brief write-up. Set-up time is yet to be determined. Open hours for the Quilt Show and Tell will be Sunday, July 24 from Noon to 4 p.m. Docents will be needed. Call Mike to volunteer for that also.

Quilt Sale: Oh, by the way, we have a quilt to sell again this year. Watch for news about this in the Fall Newsletter. It’s a beauty!

August Activity at the Sturgeon House

In working to organize the second floor archives we have become reacquainted with some of our collections. For example, we have many, many uniforms. We also have quite a lot of women’s period clothing – dresses, capes, hats, undergarments, and more.

So, why not show off some of those ladies’ things?

On Saturday, August 20, from 1 – 4 p.m., and Sunday, August 21, 1 to 4 p.m., they will be on display.

Everything from a “Dance Hall Dress” to a wedding dress to corsets and more. What a show!

And again, we will need docents for these open hours. Call June Hetz (474-5635) or Biney Freeman (474-3030) to volunteer for that.

Other Upcoming Events:

We will be offering a one-hour discussion of beginning genealogy... “Finding Old Great-grandpa.” For anyone interested in discovering their past and who might need a bit of direction, information and encouragement to get started, this is for you! Here’s your opportunity. It will be scheduled for one early evening (about 7 pm.) this summer. Watch for news of this in our column in the *West County News Journal*, which is always scheduled to be in the Friday issue that precedes the third Wednesday of each month.

The Memorial Day Dedication at Buseck Park

This event will take place immediately following the ceremony at the GAR Monument in the Fairview Cemetery, which follows the parade. Our own Past President Barbara McLaughlin will be added to the names of those Fairview folks who contributed so very much to the betterment of the community. Also added will be deceased member Guy Buell. What an honor for the Historical Society and for the families of these two

active people in our community! Plan to attend then stop in at the Sturgeon House to see our exhibit and the reenactors.
