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## ***Friends of Michigan History, Inc Meeting Notes July 14, 2014***

The meeting was called to order at 10:16 A.M. by the President.

**Members Present:** Keith Harrison, Ralph Sims, Francis "Bus" Spaniola and Larry Griffin.

**Michigan Historical Center Staff:** Sandra S. Clark and Cindy Hales (Foundation)

**Excused Absences:** Tom Truscott, Andy Anderson, Paul Tarr and Geneva Wiskeman.

We did not have a quorum to conduct official business.

### **Veterans Day, November 9, 2014 :**

- 1) We talked about a salute to WWI and WWII Veterans, the Ladies from Owosso, the Polish lady in Warsaw, Poland in 1944, Bob Devinney, a Lansing resident who fought in the Battle of the Bulge 1944-1945, his contact number is (517)-485-3814. We also need to contact the Mid Michigan Airborne Chapter 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Association. Howard "Mac" Magee-Public Information Officer- [www. Midmichigan 82abn.org.](http://www.Midmichigan82abn.org), to ask them to participate.
- 2) A former state employee Bob Hodges portrayed a WWI Doughboy. We should also contact Joe Byerle Jr. of Howell, Michigan, his father spoke at one of our programs in the past. We can do a brief outline of the events leading up to America's entry into WWI in April 1917. We can invite WWII veterans who have participated in past programs back.

### **Report From the Center**

Sandra and Cindy Hales represented the Historical Center. Cindy is the new head of the Foundation. Her contact information is, [cindy@michiganhistory.org](mailto:cindy@michiganhistory.org). The new Director of the Museum is Linda Endersby formerly of the Missouri State Museum-Jefferson City, MO. Ken Potts who has worked with the Center on various projects for years might become a staff member as well.

The Center received a grant of \$1 million from the Kellogg Foundation over the next three years to upgrade the permanent museum exhibits.

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Sa Sandra would like for us to give up our membership base and let the . Foundation take over. We would submit a budget to the Foundation and they would provide us with yearly operating funds.

### **Some Future Programs and Activities**

We can sponsor an Indian Trails-Tour of Michigan's Lighthouses and other historical sites.

Jack Neller is a Custodian at Central United Methodist Church. He has an interest in trains. His contact information is (517) 894-6246 and (517) 482-6693. He possibly can give us some names of people in Lansing who might be interested in taking the train trip sponsored by the Friends.

We can also sponsor a casino tour.

There are several ways to put these ideas together, we can use Collette Travel or Mary Schultz who arranges tour packages.

**V-E Day and V-J Day**-Bus and Keith will contact the re-enactors to participate in this program for 2015. We possibly again will use Corunna as the host community. We need to set a date for this event that will not conflict with the Curwood Festival in Owosso.

Civil War Program-End of War 2015. Central United Methodist Church, May 30, 2015 or June 6, 2015.

### **Update Our Display Board**

We need to get photos from Paul Tarr and Dr. Thomas from the last two programs, to get them on the website and add to photos on the display board.

**Juneteenth** Board member Ralph Sims represented the Friends at this annual event. We need to get some information about the Juneteenth Committee for our display. The Friends need a calendar of events as well as copies of our programs we put on for people to take, when they visit our table at events. We need a heavier display board with updated photos showing what we are doing. Keith suggested we purchase cheap frames and mount them on the display board with velcro. Ralph will try to get a photo of the event.

**Financial Reports** were given by Treasurer, Keith Harrison, both the year end as well as the monthly report.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 P.M. without a quorum.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lacey Griffin