

## **Friends of Michigan History March 9, 2015 Board Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 A.M. by the President.

Board Members Present: Andy Andersen, Ralph Sims, Tom Truscott, Geneva Wiskemann and Larry Griffin.

Board Members Excused Absences: Francis "Bus" Spaniola, Paul M. Tarr and Keith G. Harrison

Historical Center's Staff Present: Linda Endersby, Museum Director, Cindy Hales, Director of the Foundation and Sandra S. Clark, Director of the Michigan Historical Center.

### **Center's Report**

Sandra reported that the Grant House in Detroit is going to be moved to the Edison Charter School. The Center received a grant from MICHDA to move the home. U.S. Grant lived there about 18 months. The goal is to have high school students to do interpretive programs for visitors.

Cindy discussed the proposal for the Friends to turn over our membership list to the Foundation. The Friends voted in January's meeting to accept the Foundation's proposal to turn over our membership list for a minimum of \$2000.00 per year and the amount would go up based on the number of memberships sold by the Foundation at a rate of \$5.00 per additional membership sold. The Foundation also agreed to return to the Friends the original membership list upon termination of this agreement. Cindy also provided us with her email and her phone number in case we had any questions. Cindy Hales' contact information is cindy@michiganhistory.org, and her phone number is 517-335-2796.

### **Friends of Michigan History Reports**

The final Civil War musical for the Sesquicentennial is scheduled for June 6, 2015 at the Michigan Historical Center. The Forum has already been reserved along with the Lake Superior Room. The Fifth Michigan Regiment Band will be in Concert from 2:00-3:30 P.M. Please provide the information about the concert to Cindy and Diana for the newsletter and the web site respectively.

November 8, 2015 we will host our annual Veterans Day Program. Keith will contact a WWI re enactor to see if he can be at the event. Andy will contact Tom Johnson whose father flew in WWI to see if he can come and possibly talk about his dad's exploits. Geneva mentioned that Col. Spackman is the head of the newly created National Guard Center in Battle Creek. He lives in Laingsburg.

We need to do the following: Approve the December 2014, January 2015 and February 2015 minutes as well as the February 2015 Financial statement.

The Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 P.M.

Submitted By  
Larry Griffin