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# MEMBER NEWS

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## Upcoming Events!!

..Coming.....up.....this.....week.. Saturday October 21, and again on November 7<sup>th</sup> will wind up our theme of working and cruising the river.

After November 7th open house, we will be closed for the rest of November while we ready the house for Christmas open houses beginning December 5<sup>th</sup>.

If you would like to assist in the decorations, contact Barb Semeyn or any board member (numbers at the end of this letter).

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## Minutes of the Jenison Historical Association – September 21, 2017

Present: Ken Williams, Mike Timmer, Gene Kort, Nellie DeLaat, Ronnie Aungst, Ruth Lowing, Liz Timmer, Mary Raper, Linda Droog, Becky Steele.

### **Association/Museum Business**

Meeting Agenda: Approved as presented with the addition of “Park” under Other Business.

August Minutes: Approved as written.

Treasurer’s Report: Approved as written.

Acquisitions Report: Most of the cobbler’s tools have now been moved to the attic and Barb has opened a file on letters from Jim DeVoss.

Report on Files: Mary shared that she is about ready to make an index for the fire proof files. Discussion followed how best to complete the process.

Museum Cleaning and Upkeep: Linda reported we have completed the back porch and basement stairwell as well as wiping down webs from the basement. Surface and floor dusting on the 1<sup>st</sup> and second floors are also done. Ronnie found what appeared to be a mouse nest in the mattress in the turret bedroom. Mouse traps have been placed in several areas.

Maintenance Report: Mike met with the Griffen Pest people this past week and they treated for a box elder infestation. Mike has been working on the breaker system, sprinklers and the south light sensor. The township still needs to complete work on the telephone line and the pole light fixture.

Curator/Historian Report: Ken shared:

- The museum lawn has been seeded out to Chicago Dr. Port Sheldon is now open at Main Street but not at Cottonwood by the Post Office, which makes the road in front of the museum very busy.
- Ken has chosen about 10 new Jenison history photos to be on display at the Township in some of their rooms.
- Chemical Bank display. Ken has dropped off about 25 historical Jenison pictures of or about the Baldwin Street area. They are on loan as well as the portable timeline, until the end of Oct. We will need them for the Expo the first weekend of November.
- Ken shared the photo of the Haire’s Landing colored painting that is at the GR Public Museum with their permission. He also described the new display on the River Landings in the back parlor.

Township Representative’s Report: Becky shared information on the:

- Elmwood Sewer and the repaving project
- Bike trail around Maplewood Lake
- Bike path from Baldwin to Hager Park on 28<sup>th</sup> Ave.
- There will be no change in our property taxes.
- Library expansion is still a possibility
- There has been an offer on the Kmart property, 200 Chicago Drive and the Perkins Building has been sold where there is a car wash planned.

Community Expo: Liz has confirmed we are signed up at no cost for the November 4 event at JHS from 10-

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2pm.

2018 Open House/Special Events Calendar: Liz presented a mockup of the 2018 calendar as well as our meeting dates and locations which are noted on our agenda. Discussion followed and confirmed changes will be the open house times are now back to 2-4pm except for the usual 3 hours for our December Christmas Open House. Our June 21 meeting needs to be changed to Rosewood Church and the August 16 meeting will be at the Senior Center prior to the Jenison History presentation.

2018 Budget Development: Ruth presented a proposed budget which was discussed and adjusted to make it more in line with our actual debts and credits. Ruth will present it again at a later date for final approval.

October Boat Ride: So far, Liz reported, 46 of the 130 tickets have been sold. She encouraged all members to get the word out and to share it on internet.

Upcoming Elections: Time to think about our present commitments and elections will be held in November.

### **Other Business**

County Park: Mary shared her interest in a possible project in newly acquired property along the Grand River by the Boynton's properties. The county has purchased the property with a historical home from the 1900's that they plan to rent out for special occasions. There is also an interest in having some rooms shown with time appropriate furnishings and items. The consensus of the Board was to be supportive of this project, but not to be involved in the actual preservation/restoration. Mary is interested in this project and will keep us informed of the progress. Members were encouraged to be involved individually as our interest dictated.

Our total attendance for September Open Houses was 3

# Treasurer Report

## Treasurer Report September 30, 2017

submitted by Ruth Lowing, Treasurer

Date	Num	Transaction	Memo	Checking Account	Category	Amount
<b>Beginning Balance</b>						<b>\$9,612.05</b>
9/21/17	2111	Liz Timmer	Brochure printing		Supplies and Printing	(\$69.96)
9/21/17	Dep	Deposit	Book Sales		Gift Store: Books	\$56.00
			Open House 9/13/17		Donations:Open House	\$7.00
			Donations		Donation	\$12.00
Activity for report period						\$5.04
<b>Checking Account Balance</b>						<b>\$ 9,617.09</b>
<b>Petty Cash</b>						<b>\$50.00</b>
	12/1/12					
<b>Petty Cash Balance</b>						<b>\$ 50.00</b>
<b>ENDING Accounts BALANCE</b>						<b>\$9,667.09</b>
<b>2017 Retained Earnings</b>						<b>\$9,740.66</b>
Total Income 2017						<b>\$1,507.01</b>
Total Expenses 2017						<b>(\$1,630.58)</b>
Checking Account Balance						<b>\$9,617.09</b>
Petty Cash Box						\$50.00
<b>Cash on Hand</b>						<b>\$9,667.09</b>
Receivables						\$0.00
<b>Total Equity</b>						<b>\$ 9,667.09</b>

## Upcoming Open Houses

### Working and Cruising the River

This month our displays are highlighting the river, how we worked and cruised the river.

See the Open House schedule below

### Jenison Museum Souvenir's

Check out our Gift Shop for many Jenison History items and help support the Association.

Ornaments are \$15 each or buy both for \$25. These make great gifts,

Other items include pictures, stationary, pencils, Bend in the River Books, etc.



Find us on Facebook at Jenison History Association and become a friend.

## JHA Trustee's

### Chair

Liz Timmer (2019)  
457-3708

### Vice Chair/Curator/Tours

Ken Williams (2017)  
772.6523

### Treasurer/Editor

Ruth Lowing (2017)  
540-4709

### Social Secretary

Nellie DeLaat (2019)  
457-1193

### Recording Secretary

Linda Droog (2018)  
457-3016

### Archivist

Barb Semeyn (2017)  
457-9343

### Maintenance/Historian

Mike Timmer (2019)  
531-1218

### Trustee

Yvonne Williams (2017)  
772-6523

Gene Kort (2019)  
534-6769

### Township Rep

Becky Steele

(####) = year of term expiration

**Contact Information:** Members may contact the board at the above phone numbers or leave a message at 457-4398 or [info@jenisonhistory.org](mailto:info@jenisonhistory.org)

### Organization Membership in the Historical Association of Michigan

Find us on the registry of the Historical Society of Michigan

[www.hsmichigan.org](http://www.hsmichigan.org)

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# 2017 Association Schedule

## Museum Open House Schedule

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#### Working & Cruising on the River

September 5 - 10 to Noon

September 16 - 1 to 4 PM

October 14 - Grand Lady Riverboat excursion

October 21 - 1 to 4 PM

November 7 - 10 to Noon

#### Christmas at the Museum

December 5 - 10 to Noon

December 9 - 1 to 4 PM

January 6, 2018 - 1 to 4 PM

## Meeting Schedule

Meetings are all open to the public and held on the **3rd Thursday** of the month at **6:45 PM** at the Georgetown Library, unless noted. Dates of the 2017 year are:

January 19

February 16

March 16

April 20

May 18 (Rosewood Reformed-Youth Building)

June 15 (Rosewood Reformed)

July 20

August 17

September 21

October 19

November 16

> > No meeting in December

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