

unable to pull the damaged wire. Temporary repairs were made to provide power to the church and the specifications for full repairs will be developed following a meeting between Shoreview and the City electrical inspector.

Wagon Shop

Loraine is contacting Steve Stier, a barn restorer regarding repairs to the Wagon Shop.

Village Gardens

Loraine, Ray Lucas, master gardener Michele Dunham and members of the Troy Garden Club met January 9 to discuss a plan for the garden bed between Caswell and Poppleton School. They propose a children's garden with an ABC theme that matches weather durable artifacts and heritage-type annuals and perennials. Plants and artifacts will be selected for each letter of the alphabet. The goal is to develop a garden that is interactive, interpretive and stimulating for the senses. The group proposes a hard surface, wheelchair accessible, pathway through the garden to the new story tree in the north set back as well as a stepping stone pathway for youngsters. Rita Urbanski will write a grant from the Hazel Herring Fund of the Women's National Farm and Garden Assn for partial funding for the plants and artifacts. Loraine will meet with Ron Hynd regarding materials and specifications for the pathway.

B. Programs

See Attendance Reports.

Copy for the spring Troy Today has been submitted.

The first winter concert in the church was a great success. The Troy Country fiddlers played to a packed house. Tim McGee will submit grant applications to the Michigan Council for the Humanities in February for the upcoming summer concerts.

To date the Historical Society and Museum have received one platinum and two bronze sponsors for the 2007 Motoring Memories Car Show.

Staff is exploring a different approach to summer programming that would provide visitors the opportunity to participate in simple daily activities rather than focusing a great deal of time and resources on a few one-day events that serve limited groups of children. Loraine is working with Cindy Stewart to develop a special tear-out page in the front section of Troy Today that can be used by families as a summer guide to Museum activities.

Janice Chen suggested that if information was provided to the high schools, it could be included with daily morning announcements and or in school publications.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Grants

We are waiting for the final report from the MAP evaluator.

B. Mission Vision Value Statements

The Museum staff proposed revised statements and asked the Commission for their review and approval. Commission members will provide comments for the next meeting.

C. Strategic Planning

Loraine would like to form a work group with representation from the Historical Commission to develop a 5-year strategic plan for the museum during 2007.

D. New Acquisitions

See attached reports. William Boardman wishes to de-accession some materials from the collection. Loraine is consulting with Purchasing and Legal regarding acceptable procedures.

E. Troy Historical Society Liaison Report

The Heritage Campaign is meeting with National City regarding a large donation to the campaign. They wish to be a major sponsor in relocating the Niles/Barnard House.

F. Reports and Communications

a. Staff

No report

b. Visitors

No report

The Troy Historic Commission Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, March 27, 2007 at the Troy Museum & Historic Village at 7:30 PM.

Rosemary Kornacki
Chairperson

Loraine Campbell
Recording Secretary