

Bellevue Historical Society

2020 Annual Meeting

Thursday, March 19, 2020

At St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Bellevue

Welcome and Call to Order

Minutes from 3/21/2019 annual meeting ... and remembering Judy

Treasurer's Report

- Beginning balance 1/1/2019 (all accounts) \$69,792.74
- Ending balance 12/31/2019 (all accounts) \$68,103.08

Committee and Activity Reports— a quick look at 2019

WITH THANKS TO ALL OF YOU WHO HELPED AND SUPPORTED US THIS YEAR!

- Annual meeting 3/21 at Elks Club: Bellevue native and author Elizabeth Burr Marquard spoke about her 2-volume family history, *I Come From A Place Called Home*
- First annual dinner dance: Top O' the Town Gala 4/13/2019 – over 50 attended
- Garage sale 5/17 and 5/18/2019 at the old Sports Hut netted over \$1800
- Annual Sunflower Sale 7/20/2019 at Society office – very successful in new location
- Tremont House Block Party 8/3/2019 – profitable
- Cemetery Walks 9/19 and 9/21 well attended; lots of community interest
- Harvest Barn Dance with Lyme Village 9/28 – fun!
- Mary Mitchell presented on Tremont House to Fremont Chapter of DAR in October
- Hosted Bellevue Area Tourism and Visitors Bureau at our office for their October meeting

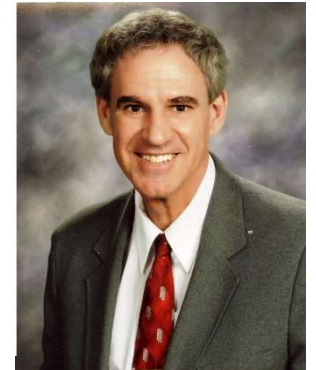
- Fall meeting 10/24 featured Dennis Bauer discussing Christmas traditions (held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church)
- Progress on Tremont House: Dry basement, foundation work
- Began work on updating collection management procedures
- Looking ahead to 2020: Collection management goals, construction plans, fundraising and program events, short-term projects and opportunities

Election of Board Members

- Eligible for reelection to 2-year terms expiring in 2022: Larry Claus, Pat Custer, Jeannie Gore, Mary Mitchell, Alicia Robles
- Candidates for 1-year terms (may be nominated from the floor)
- Eligible for reelection in 2021 (no vote needed tonight): Dale Hoffman, John Miller

Adjournment

Our speaker: Larry Michaels is a Lutheran pastor who also taught English for many years at the University of Toledo. With his cousin Kris, he has written several books about the history of Fremont and Sandusky County, which is celebrating its bicentennial year in 2020. Larry and his wife Suzi moved to Fremont six years ago to be near family and to be closer to the truly amazing history of this area.



Our host tonight: St. Paul's United Church of Christ. The seed for today's church was planted in the 1800s, when certain Bellevue residents found it difficult to attend services in bad weather at Zion German Reformed Church-Fireside. They asked their pastor to conduct a second worship service when he came into town each week. Eventually, that "second service" gave birth to St. Paul's German Reformed Church on this site. The original sanctuary on this property was built in 1905. A few congregational and denominational mergers resulted in this church family now being known as St. Paul's United Church of Christ, and the fellowship hall where you are sitting this evening was constructed in the 1960s. The current church sanctuary was constructed in the 1970s. The entire building has since been thoroughly renovated.

From the creation and support of a Day Care Center, to involvement in community events and activities, to the unconditional welcome extended to all who come through the church doors, St. Paul's story is a story of faith, community, and coming together. Welcome!

A brief history of the Bellevue Historical Society. Founded in the 1980s, the Society's original museum was located in rented property on South Sandusky Street across from Art@106. They then moved to the old First National Bank building on the corner of East Main Street and South Sandusky Street (now part of the Bellevue Library parking lot). In 2002, the board of directors serving at that time voted to purchase the historic Tremont House with a goal of restoring it to its original luster as a home for our collection. In 2008, the Society purchased the adjoining building behind the Tremont House and re-named it the Annex. We aim to further historical education and to bring together people who share a common interest in Bellevue's local history. Thank you for joining us this evening!

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