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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
WHEELING HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
OF February 28, 1996

The meeting of the Wheeling Historical Society held on February 28, 1996 was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by President Schnaitmann at the Wheeling Community Center 251 N. Wolf Road, Wheeling, Illinois following the dinner which is held every February and which an auction will be held following the meeting.

The pledge of allegiance was led by the President. There were about fifty members and guests in attendance. The guests were introduced. Also in attendance was Commissioner Klumpp, liaison for the Park District.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of January 24, 1996 were submitted for approval. Motion was made by Dolly to approve the minutes as presented. Rudy advised his question was deleted in the minutes which he asked what the society was going to do for the 50th anniversary honoring world war II and no answer was given? Secretary Hancock stated she sent for and received, the article he requested from the Tribune and President Schnaitmann advised this issue had not really been discussed. He noted there is the possibility of a display. It will be brought up at the next meeting for discussion. It was also noted appearing under guests " it reads "Bert and LaVerne's grandson and wife" It should have read "Bert and LaVerne's grandson and grand-daughter." Motion was made by Clare, seconded by Lorraine to approve the minutes as amended. Motion Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Hein advised at this time there is no report but she will have an update and full report at the next meeting.

CURATOR'S REPORT

In the absence of Curator Knippen, President Schnaitmann advised there is no report and hopefully we will have a one at the next meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS-Verbal/Written

President Schnaitmann asked if there was any verbal or written communication which should come before the membership? Lorraine Haben advised Robert Kruse who spent his childhood in Wheeling and who is the brother of one of our members, died this past week. Also Sandy Alteri Winestock who was our curator for a long time, her husband passed away very suddenly. Lorraine advised she had sent cards in the name of the Society.

Commissioner Klumpp thanked everyone who was active in Lollipop Lane and complemented the society on all the work that went into it. Many good things were said about it.

Frank introduced Cheri Klumpp as a Park Commissioner for those who did not know.

Frank advised other written communication has been received from other societies and has been given to the secretary for review.

Bob Buerger advised an issue of the Illinois Historical Journal was received and gave a complete history of how Illinois was formed. Discussion. It was noted anyone interested, the society would order one for them at the cost of \$4.00 per copy. Contact the Secretary if anyone is interested.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the membership, motion was made by LaVerne, seconded by Judy to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Motion Carried by Voice Vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Hancock, Secretary  
Wheeling Historical Society

## PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Another two years have passed since I was elected President of the Society and I want to thank everyone for the help and support you have given me. Without your help nothing could have been accomplished.

During the past two years we have gotten some fine new members, had a great turnout for the Park District's Autumn Fest and had a great Lollipop Lane in spite of the terrible weather we had during that week. Lonnie, Eleanor and Bob and their committee did a great job of getting all new trees and wreaths and decorating them in such a way that makes Lollipop Lane the only place where parents can enjoy bringing their children to see Santa and Mrs. Claus. I am very proud of everyone who helps keep this great event going. Irene and Shirley always do a great job handling the cookie sales and Sam always makes sure Mr. & Mrs. Claus make it safely to Lollipop Lane.

A few other people I would like to thank for their fine work are Sue Knippen for the great job she has done in the museum and Rudy Horcher for helping me out by taking care of the Carriage House. Maybe someday in the future we will be able to have the Carriage House open the same time the museum is open so our guests will have more to see.

There are two people in the organization who I would really like to thank for all their help. Those two people are my wife, Lonnie and my right hand man Bob Buerger. Lonnie has always done a fine job of making arrangements for the Dinner and Auction and has spent numerous hours behind the scenes making sure we have everything ready to set up Lollipop Lane and to make sure Santa and Mrs. Claus are ready to greet all their little guests. As for Bob Buerger, there are not enough words to express my thanks for all the help he has given me during all my years as an officer of the Society. He's not only a talker, he's a do'er. I think I can count on my right hand the number of times Bob did not make a night of Lollipop Lane and that was only because he had a prior commitment. He's also a leader who is willing to work hard to get the job done.

As I have said before, the only thing I regret is that with the number of members we have who reside locally, we can not get more to attend our once a month meeting. Our meeting night is the night we have the chance to visit with our friends and discuss things that we hope will make the Society stand out more in the community.

Remember, our April meeting is the election meeting and the nominating committee will present a slate. At the April meeting nominations will be accepted from the floor. We only have the March and April meetings left before the installation banquet. Our meetings only last about 1 to 1 1/2 hours so why not try to attend.

Before I close, I would like to thank the Board of Park Commissioners for their cooperation. I want to especially thank Cheri Klumpp for taking the time out to attend our monthly meeting and passing on to her fellow Board members any concerns or questions we have, and the quickness in which we receive a reply.

Historically yours,  
Frank

OLD BUSINESS

1. Park District Donation- President Schnaitmann advised a donation was received in the amount of \$200.00 from the Park District to help defray the cost of Lollipop Lane. He thanked Commissioner Klumpp and stated a letter of thank you to the park district has been sent.
2. 4th of July - President Schnaitmann advised there was a discussion if we (the society) should have a float in the 4th of July parade. He noted there hasn't been much said about a parade and questioned Judy Abruscato if there is going to be one? She said to her knowledge there will be one but to check with the assistant manager. She stated all businesses and organizations should have received an application. Discussion ensued. Sam questioned if the old cars would participate? Frank replied they could.
3. Visitation of McCormick Place - Frank advised they are having a Smithsonian display at McCormick Place in September and questioned if there is any interest by the membership to attend? We could go by cars or a bus? He asked Commissioner Klumpp if there would be any possibility of getting the park bus? She advised it should be checked with the Superintendent and stated she would see him later this week and ask him.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Walk through of Old Mill - President Schnaitmann advised the old mill is the building that is located by Cole Taylor Bank and where Marshall Balling lived. It is going to be torn down due to the widening of Dundee road and Charles Balling has given the society permission to walk through the premises. Rudy advised he had talked with Chuck last week and he is moving everything over to his garage because they will be taking the mill down in two weeks. When it gets warmer the society can then go through it. Someone questioned what was there to go through? Lorraine Haben stated there is much of Marshall Balling's personal items.