

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
ST. CLAIR SHORES HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

**MacHarg Room  
Tuesday, May 2, 2023**

**PRESENT:**

Chairperson	Mr. Gerald Sielagoski
Vice-Chairperson	Mr. John Cilluffo
Secretary/Treasurer	Mrs. Kathleen Campbell
Members	Ms. Kathryn Gargalino
	Ms. Janet Horan
	Ms. Kay VanDeGraaf
City Librarian	Mrs. Rosemary Orlando
Assistant Library Director	Stephanie Fair

**EXCUSED:**

Council Liaison	Ms. Candice Rusie
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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Sielagoski called the Regular Meeting of the St. Clair Shores Historical Commission to order at 7:00 p.m.

**III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved by Horan, supported by Gargalino, to adopt the agenda.

Ayes: All      Nays: None      Motion Carried.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Last meetings minutes should reflect that. Moved by Horan, supported by Gargalino, to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2023, Regular Meeting of the St. Clair Shores Historical Commission., with the correction that our guest should be recorded as Ms. Sydney

Ayes: All      Nays: None      Motion Carried.

**IV. INFORMATION REPORTS**

**A. Museum Activities**

The Interview process for the open curator position has begun. The Library has received 37 applicants.

The Yardeners clean up is on Saturday, May 6.

The Museum is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays with the help of library staff and docents.

The Yardeners have identified that part of the fence around the Selensky-Green Farmhouse garden still needs repair. Eagle Scout, Luke Anderson has questioned if the gate replacement is necessary. The project is running longer than anticipated. Orlando will check on progress and report back, with the discretion to eliminate the gate replacement.

B. Historical Society Report

There have been some difficulties with filing Form 990-N for 2022 online. There is still plenty of time before the deadline. Historical Society bank account balances are as follows:

\$25,219.77 in the Investment account

\$8,004.35 in the 2nd investment account

\$5,321.06 in the checking account.

A deposit of \$10,000 was made last week. This is a donation from Madeline Reeder, former SGFM curator and Historical Commission member who passed away this past February.

C. Genealogy Group Report

The Genealogy group has not held any recent meetings. The Local History Center will remain closed to the public until library renovations have been completed.

D. Comments by Individual Commission Members

Campbell asked Commission members to please acknowledge receipt of emails sent from her. She shared a book titled *Trials, Tribulation and Blessings* by Marianne Szymanski about Marianne's experiences during World War II and donated copies of the book to the SCSPL, which will be added to the reference and circulation collections.

VanDeGraaf stated that she has cancelled the picnic at the Selinsky-Green Farmhouse for the Questers group. The Questers provided funds for the Farmhouse curtains. Replacing the curtains will have to be addressed by the new curator, when the position has been filled.

Horan wished everyone a Happy Mother's Day.

E. Librarians Report

The Michigan Book Author Tour is May 11.

The Friends of the Library Book Sale is May 9, from 2-8 p.m. The Friends of the SCSPL will hold their Annual Meeting on May 25.

The City Council has approved the architect bid for the library renovations. Target date for completion is December 2024.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Historical Markers for Residences/Businesses Update:

Cilluffo reminded everyone that the dedication for the Flanagan family at 22623 Chapoton is on May 23 at 6:30 p.m. Sielagoski has his comments ready for the dedication. Campbell will prepare a certificate to be presented.

No additional applications have been received.

City Historical Marker Update:

Eagle Pointe and Trinity markers have been installed. A discussion followed regarding who should receive invitations to the Trinity dedication on June 11 at 10:30 a.m. It was decided to send invitations to the Mayor, City Council, City Manager and Assistant City Manager.

Campbell presented the final posters for Historical Commission member recruitment. Horan will place posters at the Police Department and Senior Center. VandeGraaf will place a poster at City Hall, and Fair will place a poster in the library.

A discussion followed regarding the marker requested by John Caron about Lake St. Clair. He requested that a new aerial photo be taken.

Rusie requested that someone contact Chef Bobby regarding historic photos for Blossom Heath. Campbell will call to get more information.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Sielagoski requested that the Historical Commission email recipient list be updated to include Secretary/Treasurer Kathy Campbell.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Horan, supported by VanDeGraaf to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 P.M.

Ayes: All      Nays: None      Motion Carried.

The next regular meeting of the St. Clair Shores Historical Commission will be held on Tuesday, June 6, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the SCSPL in the MacHarg Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Campbell,  
Secretary/Treasurer