

HAL Annual Membership Meeting Minutes December 11, 2018 at The Folger Home

Call to order and welcome by President Gerry Vogel at 6:00 PM.

Gerry distributed copies of the 2017 annual meeting minutes, an agenda, and copies of the proposed bylaw revisions.

Gerry offered thanks to Gitta's Table for the delicious food she donated for us today.

Approval of minutes from our 2017 annual meeting: For future meetings, the board will review annual meeting minutes at the board meeting immediately following the annual meeting. Motion to approve 2017 annual meeting minutes by Glendalee Burns, 2nd by Chuck Fye. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Minutes will be posted on the HAL website and distributed to city officials.

Gerry presented a **review of HAL 2018**, with a power point prepared by Tony Tomanek. Gerry noted that Nadge brought to the annual meeting HAL scrapbooks documenting 3 years of HAL's existence.

Highlights of 2018 include:

- The Peter Miller House Museum was welcomed into the HAL fold. Chuck Fye and Judy Kaminski from the PMHM board joined the HAL board.
- Grade school tours continued
- Beer Fest with HAL's focus on local history during Prohibition
- Participation in the Homecoming Parade float
- The Avon Lake City Council has approved the PMHM lease.
- PMHM improvements included brickwork and path redo. Glendalee mentioned that the PMHM bricks were originally from a local schoolhouse.
- Promotion of Avon Lake Bicentennial events. The celebration will wrap up on July 4, 2019
- Monday programs at the PMHM
- Concert by Anne E. DeChant at the Folger Home
- Innovations for HAL: ALPL is using BiblioBoard to store local digital documents.
- Scenic AL Postcards and notecards were produced for sale
- Tuesdays at the Folger Home continued
- Taste of Chili and History which featured AL memorabilia
- Finance update: Thanks to Sandi for her diligent work
 - Rentals, membership dues, and Facebook donations are way up this year!
 - Expenses are on track and within budget projections
- North Coast Christmas photos with Santa with a full partnership with the city.
- Kudos to Sherry Spenser on her recent book, The Avon Lake Story Continues
- Media coverage: doing well with our Facebook presence and newspaper coverage
- Cemetery "tours" this fall used a new format with reenactments

What's next for HAL? Gerry is excited about the new board. Gerry offered thanks to Judy Kaminski, who is leaving the board, for her service.

Tony mentioned he has a plaque to present to Gerry for his service to HAL. Tony offered thanks and appreciation to Gerry for his dedication and service to HAL. We are grateful for his knowledge of AL history, and his work to grow HAL. The board thanks Gerry for his vision!

Gerry said that he was happy to serve and facilitate communication between local history groups to form HAL.

The meeting continued with discussion of the proposed bylaw revisions: Chuck Fye and Steve Vass served on the bylaw revision committee. Steve offered comments on the proposed bylaws. The structure has not changed, but a number of items were cleaned up. Motion to approve the bylaws made by Tom Patton, 2nd by Sandi Gerhan. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

We were joined by Avon Lake Mayor Greg Zilka. Mayor Zilka presented Gerry Vogel with a Proclamation. The text of the proclamation was as follows:

Whereas, historical societies offer its citizens the opportunity to share their memories and experiences and to reflect on the benefits of life in their communities. They have built on the best traditions of the past to ensure a future filled with hope and promise; and

Whereas, the City of Avon Lake has enjoyed the benefits of a generous and civic minded population. Those who make it their home take great pride in the community and its rich heritage. Their efforts have made the area a pleasant and friendly place to live and work; and

Whereas, Gerry Vogel has devoted countless hours to Heritage Avon Lake and has provided sound experience and judgment while serving the community with professionalism, efficiency, and integrity. His efforts creating programming, fundraising, and encouraging collaboration with the Avon Lake Public Library have ensured the vibrant history of the city will be preserved for generations to come; and

Whereas, Gerry was instrumental in the (sic) ensuring the preservation of the Folger Home by securing a \$150,000 grant from the state of Ohio to renovate and restore a vital part of Avon Lake's past; and

Now, therefore, I, Gregory J. Zilka, Mayor of the City of Avon Lake, do hereby recognize and congratulate Gerry Vogel for his outstanding service to Heritage Avon Lake and the community. We extend to him our deepest appreciation for all his dedicated work and wish him the best in all his future endeavors. Signed this 10th day of December, 2019 Gregory J. Zilka, Mayor, Avon Lake, Ohio.

The meeting continued with the election of officers and board members: The slate as presented by Gerry included the following nominees:

Tony Tomanek for a 2 year term as president.

Sherry Spenzer for a 2 year term as vice president.

Sandi Gerhan for a 2 year term as treasurer.

Holly Kowalski for a 2 year term as a trustee.

Matthew Guba for a 2 year term as a trustee.

The floor was opened for additional nominations. No additional nominations were presented. Gerry moved to accept the slate of nominations as presented, 2nd by Glendalee Burns. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

The next board meeting will be December 19, 2019, and is open to all.

Meeting adjourned at 6:26 pm.

Minutes submitted by Lynn Miller, Secretary

