

GENESEE COUNTY CLERK'S/TREASURER'S ASSOCIATION MEETING  
DECEMBER 7, 1994, 12:00 P.M., R.C. COOPER'S RESTAURANT

ATTENDANCE: 61

Mr. Becker called the meeting to order at 12:50 P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The MTA Meeting will be held January 19, 1995 at Genesee Township.

Jackie Hamilton said there will be a Clerk's Meeting/Luncheon on Tuesday, December 13, 1994 at 11:30 A.M. She needs to know how many will be attending if the reservations haven't been turned in yet.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Doris Carpenter said at the Treasurer's Meeting held on Tuesday, a discussion was held regarding the computers automatically going off after 30 minutes. She also said that Bar Coding ins only on the office copy this year, but in the summer of 1995, it will also be on the original copy.

Doris said if the Homestead is not on the taxes, this should be taken to the December Board of Review. There were many mistakes made on the tax statements. There is a system we can connect to at the County to delete the errors. If any one needs help, please call Bill Fowler at the County.

GUEST SPEAKER: Jim Bassett, Director of Genesee County Parks

Mr. Bassett said the first significant event that occurred in 1994 was the firing of three (3) Park Rangers. There have been some law suits filed and these are in the Court system. This has to do with falsifying payroll and paying people who was not actually working at the time. Since then, there have been some changes made in the system.

After the firings, there was some movement by Prosecutor Busch's Office to have the Sheriff's Department take over the Parks. The Sheriff reviewed the situation and the end result is that we will stay with the Park Rangers. We might create the position of Chief Park Ranger and weed out some of the employees. We have made some changes in this area and look forward to the future.

Another area of interest is the Genesee Belle. We have contracted with a company called Shipper Liner out of Wisconsin. Their business is building boats. This is a big boat holding 149 people and powered by two dual twin diesel engines. The boat will be built to Coast Guard specifications. We have to get the boat here by the Straits of Mackinaw. If we can't bring it across the bridge, we could go through Chicago or by Lake Michigan and will tow it here. We are using the target date of May 13th or 14th. We think it will be a nice addition. It can be set up for dinners and we are thinking of having possible cruises on Saturday nights with dinners. We are using bonds for the funding of the boat from the Board of Commissioners.

We have applied for a grant to run the boat at Stepping Stone Falls. This should be done by 1996.

This is the 12th Christmas at Crossroads Village. The first year there were 35,000 lights and after seeing how popular the program was, more lights have been added each year. This year there are over 300,000 and 14 displays along the train ride. We have gone to advance ticket sales, but this has created some problems. We will continue to work through the problems. We try to be customer

oriented, because without the customers, we don't exist. The attendance is up from last year.

The summer season was down to some degree. Last year there were 31,000 people and this year we have had 52,000 people.

In the village a Barn from Fenton was moved in and is about 80% restored. It needs more work done on the interior. A caboose was donated and restored by volunteers. Greenfield Village gave us a cabin from their collection. We need to raise funds to move it and use it. It was built in 1854.

The other major thing this year was the addition of the dining hall that will seat 300 people and will accommodate walk-ins.

Mr. Bassett gave everyone two (2) tickets to Crossroads Village and encouraged everyone to attend.

Several Door Prizes were donated by Julie Gust of Standard Federal, Jim Bassett, Director of Genesee County Parks and Rec and Clerk's/Treasurer's Association.

Mr. Becker thanked everyone for attending.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:30 P.M.

Cheryl M. Ladd, CMC/AAE  
Secretary

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