

Freedom Community Historical Society

Restoring the Past / Envisioning the Future

<http://www.freedomhistory.org>

Meeting Notes August 18, 2026

Next Meeting September 15, 2026

Call to order- 6:30 pm

Attendance: Wilson Hess, Elaine Higgins, Tom Cosgrove, Dick Bickford, Mary Anne Shyka, Kate Flynn

Secretaries Report:

- The July 21 meeting minutes report was unanimously accepted.

Website:

- Website initiatives, including social media posts and a blog about Freedom Field Day, have generated significant views.

Treasurer's Report:

- The treasurer's report revealed an increase in donations

Old Business

Keen Hall Project Report:

- Ken Hall Grant Review Feedback
 - The team discussed reviewer feedback on the restoration grant, which requested more information about wood trim, windows, front porch, and a site plan.
 - The group noted that while the review process was taking longer than expected, they had received prompt responses to previous requests and were making progress on addressing the reviewer's concerns.

New Business

- Financial Updates and Project Planning
 - The board discussed several financial updates and decisions.
 - Planning to apply for the Switzer Foundation Grant for the Keene Hall project
 - They also reviewed recent events including Freedom Field Day and Gary Hoyle's presentation about mystery tusks

Next Meeting Date Tuesday September 15, 2026

Meeting adjourned

Officers 2025

President: Wilson G. Hess

Secretary: Anne Marie Adamson

Vice President: Elaine Higgins

Treasurer: Tyler Hadiniak

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Anne-Marie Adamson, Richard Bickford, David Bridges, Tom Cosgrove, Kate Flynn, Paul Flynn, Tyler Hadyniak, Wilson G. Hess, Elaine Higgins, Ellie O'Leary, Rene Ouellet, and Mary Anne Shyka