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JACK-O'-LANTERN

Jack-o'-lantern, Jack-o'-lantern,
You are such a funny sight.
As you sit there by the window,
Looking out into the night.
You were once a sturdy pumpkin,
growing on a curly vine.
Now you are a Jack-o-lantern,
See your night lights shine.

(Girl looks a little scared to me!)

BOOO!

'Twas Halloween night and all through the sky,
The clouds hid the moon as the bats glided by.
I was dressed all in white in my mama's old sheet,
Walking with friends down the ghost-haunted street.

All the kids were dressed in bright costumed array,
While flashlights and street lights guided our way.
We giggled and laughed as we hurried to each door,
Ringing or knocking, then laughing some more.

There were pumpkins aglow and skeletons dangling,
Scarecrows and shadows and silver chains clanging.
Grownups in masked faces opened doors in greeting,
As we stood with our bags and waited for treating.

Some people say that we should not have this night,
That too many kids are harmed by the sights or the fright -
But it's the one time a year when we can pretend to be
Someone else for a while, not you - not even me.

Let them celebrate now, as the bats glide on by,
For childhood is brief, like the blink of an eye.
Listen to their laughter and let the children be
Someone else for a while, not you and not even me.

Poem by Judith A. Lindberg



From the Editor: A busy month for meetings, friends! First, the regular monthly membership meeting, then the Annual Meeting, then the first meeting of the new Board to elect officers, then the monthly Board meeting. It all starts to get a little redundant, and maybe even a bit boring. But it's my job. Well, here are the minutes for the...

2007 Annual Meeting

The 2007 Annual Meeting of the Ionia County Historical Society was called to order by President Linda Ciangi at 8:00 p.m. on October 3 following the regular membership meeting. It was moved by Mike Gallagher and supported by Larry Tiejema to forego the reading of the roll, the reading of notice, and the reading of the minutes of the previous Annual Meeting; the motion passed.

The Report of the President included thanks to all the members of the ICHS throughout the past 23 years, and she expressed hopes for the continued enthusiasm from the present members and the community. Linda is looking forward to continuing to work with other community organizations to promote and improve the community, whether she is re-elected as ICHS president or not. She expressed specific thanks to the Board and Officers as well as committee chairs and volunteers.

The Secretary's report consisted of thanks to the members for their understanding when errors found their way into the Chronicle, and for the occasional missed issue. Secretary David McCord stated that he would like to continue in the office if the Board and members would have him.

The Treasurer, Hank Knoop, reported that the fiscal year had ended on September 30, and that the annual report of the Treasury was presently under way. He thanked the former treasurers Bob Nixon and Larry Tiejema for their support, and noted that Larry's role as our "Accountant of Record" was invaluable.

President Ciangi then moved on to the distribution of ballots to the paid members in attendance, and the votes were collected by Sara Jezewski.

Bob Nixon put forth a motion to commend the Board, Chairpersons and Volunteers over the past year, which was unanimously supported.

No other business was forthcoming, so it was moved by Barb Ehlert and supported by Mike Gallagher to adjourn the meeting. Secretary David McCord was asked to tally the votes and the results to be announced shortly after the meeting.

The candidates on the ballot for three Board positions were Gerard Perry (incumbent), Jim Metzen (incumbent), Linda Ciangi (incumbent) and Stephanie VanderMolen. Of 19 ballots collected, the vote went to Perry, Ciangi, and VanderMolen. Jim Metzen was then applauded and recognized as Director Emeritus.

