

Newport Historical Society-Minutes of the Monthly Board Meeting 10-August-2015

Location: Newport Historical Society, Newport, NH

Start Time: 6:35 PM

Finish Time: 8:05 PM

Duration: 1 ½ Hours

Attending: Pris and Jerry Hagebusch, Ann St. Martin, Catheryn Baird, Jackie and Larry Cote, Rita James, Dean Stetson, Jayna Hooper

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

- Not all members had received copies. Jackie to resend Minutes to the group.
- The group postponed accepting the minutes of 13-July 2015.
- Acceptance Vote for the Minutes of 13-July will be held at the 14-Sept-2015 meeting.

PUBLIC FORUM:

- Forehand Chronology Transcription completed by Jackie.
- Should be Bound for the group
- Seeking permission by Hugh Russell, (grandson of Oliver Forehand) to reprint/publish
- Suggested to collaborate with Croydon Historical Society and share proceeds

SECRETARIES REPORT:

- Jackie reviewed the accounting summary, status of the Fiscal Year, Nettleton House, and Operating Accounts. Reports are on file.
- All window Pledges are Paid.
- Window Painting and donor placards are the next steps to finish the Window Replacement Program.
- Jackie to have Harrington's make up placards for individual window donations.
- A large plaque identifying all donors for the windows will be hung in the museum.
- Farmers Market receipts to date are about 25% ahead of TOTAL sales for 2014!

FUND RAISING REPORT:

- R. Laporte's "Bush Pilot" Books will be sold at the Airport Appreciation Day 15-Aug-2015 at Newport Airport along with other Historical Society Memorabilia.
- Farmers Market – Excellent turnout so far this year.
- All items are moving well, Inventory is in good shape for the farmers markets and Apple Pie Crafts Fair.
- Inventory will be reviewed after the Apple Pie Crafts Fair to stock up for the upcoming Holiday Season.
- Winter Carnival Ornament Proofs are due in this Month from Joan Dodge.
- Jackie and Larry are picking up another order of Crocks
- Additional Town of Newport Logos were added to the front of Tee Shirts (currently with Sunshine Logo on the back).
- NLCS to reprint book of "Old Newport" – Suggestion to sell at \$15/ea. since the cost of printing is less than previously with Soo-Nipi Publishing.
- NHS will be at the Apple Pie Crafts Fair, Saturday, 29-August-2015....along with about 130 other vendors.
- Ann St. Martin suggested Making up some Gift Certificates to have available at the Farmers Market and Apple Pie Crafts Fair– embraced by Group.
- Children's Corbin Covered Bridge Book by Sharon Christie was priced at \$20 then lowered to \$10 but still does not sell. Ann St. M. suggested to promote it as a "Coloring Book" for both Children and Adults along with adding some coloring pens to increase interest and sales. **VOTED-PRISCILLA MADE MOTION, JERRY SECONDED, UNANIMOUS PASS.**

MUSEUM DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- 48 Visitors came to the Museum during the Month of July. 22 people were from the Newport Class of 1965-50th Reunion.
- Donations and Purchases were itemized including BB Van travel trunks and Andy Andrews Estate items. A full listing of items is on the Director's report.
- Damage to Museum property wall by Commercial Carrier. A Police report was filed and the Trucking Co. is being sought to pay for the estimated \$1,200 damage. McCrillis and Eldridge Ins. Is advocating for NHS. During repair of the damaged wall, additional work may be quoted.
- The Museum Director is seeking and welcomes Docents to support during open hours at the museum. Training is available.
- Suggestion to have a hand-out at the concerts on the common to inform our local community of the NHS Museum. Either a book mark or refrigerator magnet can be handed out with hours of operation and contact information. Ann St. M. offered support in generating a Bookmark AND supporting the handing out at the concerts.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Membership drive is slated for 15-Sept-2015
- Currently 262 members in the NHS
- Jackie to communicate with renewal members identifying the term of their membership.
- A Raffle will be held at REVITE with all new and renewal memberships.
- Raffle Sponsors this year: Shaw's, Salt Hill, Brian Coronis, Harrington's.
- Discussion on pledge levels, provide detail as to what they actually represent, and possibility of category name changes. In this review, the space dedicated to the Pledge Form will remain the same, but the content may vary.
- NHS Received a \$500 donation from the owners of the new Duncan Doughnuts (Scivanos).
Thank you!

NEW BUSINESS:

- Paul Rheingold donated the BB Van Headstone that is now in place in Pine Grove Cemetery in Guild.
- NHS is seeking plans to highlight this gesture from Paul during the Summer 2016.
- Larry prepared an article for the Argus.
- Bequest by Ginny Parker – No details to value as of 10-Aug-2015.
- Continued intermittent press is recommended through the year until THE BIG EVENT.
- THE BIG EVENT – is undefined at the current time. Below are ideas for a program:
 - Larry and Catherine to meet with Paul Rheingold to solidify some ideas.
 - Aug 3rd Birthday of BB Van
 - BB Van Silent movie
 - Local Vaudeville performance
 - Fundraiser, Collaboration with other organizations i.e. LAC NOHA, NHS, NCTV, New London Barn Playhouse?
 - Outdoor projection?
 - Blackface History
- Propane is available at \$1.37/Gl.
- Sept. Program with Bruce Davidson on the Claremont Concord Railway.
- The following items were generally agreed and accepted but not voted:
 - Recommended to have the CCRR program in the SRSB Community Room- \$50 Charge.
 - \$50 to Mr. Davidson to cover Fuel for travel from Paris, Me.
 - Invite local RR clubs – Ann St. M. to look at local organizations
 - Dick Gassett artifacts on display

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM. Motion made by Larry. Seconded by Jerry.