

Newport Historical Society
Fundraising Committee Report for November 14, 2016

- 1) Twenty additional quart Crocks were picked up on Friday, 10/11.
- 2) Since the Murphy program, we have sold 6 Murphy books.
- 3) Croydon's Forehand book is at the publishers. We should have some soon to sell.
- 4) Jonathan Ryba has agreed to provide us with the image for two aerial photos to have made into post cards. We also have a new winter image of the Common at the end of the skating rink facing the church. It was taken at twilight and the light blue/turquoise sky reflection on the snow and ice is beautiful, again, a Beth Rexford photo. Beth has told us that she is willing to take photos for us of a particular subject.
- 5) The reorder of 48 Towle ornaments has been shipped. The images for the 2017 ornaments, Little Red Schoolhouse in winter and Green Bridge in North Newport, have been sent to Joan for proofs.
- 6) We have signed up for "Twas Just Before Christmas" on Saturday, December 10 from 4 to 7 pm. There is no booth charge.
- 7) The Gallery of Gifts has commenced at the Library Arts Center where our ornaments are included. On delivery, we were short 8 of the Towle ornaments. I will bring them down later this week when they arrive.
- 8) On Friday, November 4, we began this year's boutique at Sugar River Bank. Results this year compared to 2014 & 2015 are as follows:
2014 - \$214.45 / 2015 - \$221.76 / 2016 - \$228.50.
- 9) On Saturday, November 5, we participated in the Richards PTO Holiday event. Results for 2014 to 2016 are as follows: **2014 - \$163.00 / 2015 - \$186.25 / 2016 - \$141.00.**
- 10) At the PTO event, we met Linda Davis of Weare who makes beautiful pillows with photos printed on special fabric. Your Fundraising Committee were able to see what she does with Rita and Ann stopping down. Linda had 3 Newport subject pillows – Corbin Bridge, Town Hall Clock Tower and First Baptist Church. At the end of the event, she let

us take them on consignment. We have ordered three 16" pillows using Beth Rexford's Skating on the Common post card photo. Of course, we got her permission. She is thrilled and said that she wants to buy one of the three on order. I brought the 3 on consignment to Revite Tuesday and sold the Corbin Bridge one immediately. We have ordered a replacement Corbin Bridge pillow using the beautiful fall foliage side view of the bridge from the post card photo, again, with Beth's permission. We will sell the pillows for \$29.

- 11) Pris and Jackie recently finalize our 2016-2017 Gift List. It was emailed to every member for whom we have an email address. We also mailed out 35 of them to members without an email address. We also have a good quantity to give out at the museum, bank and Twas. So far we have received two mail orders from members who live in Massachusetts and Missouri. Thanks to Pris for her assistance.

Membership Drive Fundraising

To date we have 188 paid ahead, Life, renewed and new members. We have 68 members from last year who have not yet renewed. On September 30 we ended the membership year with 260 members, three short of the prior year's record of 263.

Raffle winners from the November 8 drawing at Revite are: Dorr Mill Store Mandy McMahon, Kathan Gardens – Gerry LaValley, Lavalley Bldg Supply Marie Flint, Shaws – Andrea Thorpe, Courthouse Restaurant – Donna Monroe

Respectfully submitted,
Jacqueline Cote
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