

Newport Historical Society Minutes

Executive Committee

March 3, 2011

4:00 PM

NHS Museum

Attendees: Christina O'Brien, Cathryn Baird, Mary Lou McGuire

Public: None

1. Call to order: 4:10 pm

2. Public forum: None

3. Committee Reports: None

4. Old Business

A. Discussion of watercolor of the Nettleton House

Christina O'Brien will scan Diane's artwork for reproduction purposes, and report back at the next meeting.

B. Update on Newport Bank clock

Cathryn Baird met with Roy Malool, and explained that the NHS is unable to accept the bank clock as the Nettleton House is on the Historic Register and it cannot be placed on the building. Also, there is no room inside the building. The NHS offered to store the clock, but that was unnecessary.

C. Newmont Military Band

The NHS is interested in sponsoring, with other community organizations, a performance of the Newmont Military Band in October. Cathryn Baird will check the availability of the Opera House and solicit sponsors for part of the performance fee. Sunday, October 9, is the preferred date. Mary Lou McGuire will respond to the band coordinator, expressing our interest, explaining we need to find co-sponsors, and see if the band is available on that date. We will also inquire if the band's repertoire could span 250 years of American music.

5. New Business

A. Future programs

1. The Connecticut: New England's Great River

2. A Walk Back in Time: The Secrets of Cellar Holes

The presenter for these programs will be notified that we are interested, and we will keep their information on file as our program schedule is full for this year.

B. Fairpoint advertising

Christina O'Brien reported that she is in the process of seeing if we can get the NHS included in the local Fairpoint telephone directory under the museum section.

C. Nettleton House update

Christina O'Brien reported that she is working on a computer model floor plan of the Nettleton House, in order to assist in the layout for museum displays.

Cathryn Baird will contact Michael Work in regard to the legal aspects of acquiring the Nettleton House.

6. Other business/announcements

A. Correspondence

- Turning Points Network

Cathryn Baird will consider the request by Turning Points for support of their annual 5K Walk.

- Wedding Invitation from 1869, museum donation

Mary Lou McGuire shared the donation of an 1869 wedding invitation for Laura Robinson at the Methodist Episcopal Church. A gentleman from an Olympic Peninsula, Washington, thrift store found it among donated items.

7. Agenda items for March 14, 2011 meeting in the Library Arts Center

A. Program: Lafayette s Farewell Tour

B. There will be no business meeting after the program.

8. Adjournment: 6:00pm