

Newport Historical Society Agenda

Executive Committee

January 6, 2011

3:00 PM

Richards Free Library

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

1. Call to order: 3:00 PM

2. Public forum: None

3. Committee Reports: Fundraising, Pier Bridge, Membership
- Reports are available at the January 10, 2011 meeting, or upon request.

4. Old Business

A. Diana Piotrow, watercolorist from New London

Diana presented three revised watercolor renditions of the Nettleton House. It was decided to request a non winter scene of the rendition with Courthouse Square in the background, to keep the winter scene of the Nettleton House by itself as a Christmas card fundraiser, and to request a black and white rendition for use as a letterhead. Christina O'Brien will contact Diana with this information, and ask her to present a final price for all three works of art at our next Executive meeting.

5. New Business

A. Nettleton House

Cathryn Baird reported that the Nettleton House is now empty. As the NHS representative, she declined the offer to purchase the keyless entry from the departing party on the grounds that it was too expensive, at a cost of over \$5,000.

B. Chase Movers

Larry Cote and Cathryn Baird met with the Chase moving company regarding the cost of moving museum items to the Nettleton House. They propose a cost of \$165.00 an hour for six hours, utilizing four men. A final decision will be made at a later date.

C. 250th Newport History Book

President Baird reported that the upcoming 250th book is surpassing all expectations under the editorship of Jayna Hooper, and she expressed her delight at Jayna's enthusiasm, dedication, creativity, and historical knowledge. This book, created in partnership with the Eagle Times, will prove to be a most comprehensive history of Newport, one that has been needed for many years.

B. 250th Opening Celebration

President Baird reported on the highly successful opening events on New Years Eve which began Newport's year-long celebration. A spiral bound book containing the signatures of those attending, a poster of the event, and the Town Crier's proclamation will be placed in the NHS Museum and the Richards Free Library.

D. 2011 Winter Carnival

President Baird reported that she has requested space the Saturday of the Winter Carnival parade to sell the 250th bells, as well as hot dogs.

6. Other business/announcements: None

7. Agenda for January 10, 2011 meeting to be held in the ***Richards Free Library ballroom*** at 7:00pm.

- Program: Old Time Rules Will Prevail: The Fiddling Contest in New Hampshire and New England presented by Adam Boyce
- Acceptance of Executive Minutes
- Acceptance of Treasurer and Secretary Reports
- Discussion of revision of NHS Membership year
- Pier Bridge project completion

8. Adjournment

This meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.