

Newport Historical Society
Executive Committee and General Membership Meetings
March 11 – 6:00 PM
The NHS Museum - Nettleton House

Attendees: Cathryn Baird, Jackie Cote, Larry Cote, Larry Flint, Jerry Hagebusch, Priscilla Hagebusch, Rita James, Laura Kessler, Jack Liberman, June Liberman, Dean Stetson, Stan Sweeney

1. Call to order at 6:07 PM by President Baird. The Executive Committee went into session to vote on the following as Board Members: Stan Sweeney, Priscilla Hagebusch, Rita James, Dean Stetson, Virginia Irwin, Christina O'Brien and Craig Cowing. A motion was made and seconded to accept the above mentioned individuals as members of the Newport Historical Society's Board. Vote unanimously in favor.
2. At 6:20 PM, Vice President Jerry Hagebusch proceeded to run the meeting for President Baird. A motion was made by Jackie and seconded by Larry, that the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America be dispensed with at Board meetings. The pledge would still be used to open the Society's annual meeting in October. Seven in favor, one abstention. Motion carried.
3. Dean Stetson was commended again on the work that he has done to promote the Society.
4. Minutes from the January 14th meeting and February 18th meetings were approved.
5. Treasurer Jackie Cote reported on the "Accounting Summary" from 2.1.13 – 2.28.13 and the Nettleton House Account Fiscal Year Ending 9.30.13. Report was accepted unanimously and was placed on file.

6. Committee Reports:

A. Membership: As a result of the "follow-up" letters that were sent in January, \$755.00 had been received in renewals and donations. (These letters are "a must!")

At present, there are 214 paid memberships.

Several new members were the result of the newsletter membership form.

B. Fundraising:

The following was reported by Jackie Cote:

As is to be expected, sales are slow at this time of year.

The NHS has been signed up for the Apple Pie Crafts Fair in August. Jackie is checking on the insurance liability requirement before signing up for the Farmers Market.

There isn't any new news on the t-shirts. We are waiting on pricing from Bacon Graphics.

The ornament proofs are expected in April.

Jackie and Stan are working on a new camp mug subject, for release later this year. In addition they will be looking into other new items to sell.

The Emerson ocean voyage booklet is being worked on, with the possibility of it being ready to sell later in the year.

Jackie discussed wanting to purchase the remaining Richard Free Library post card sets from the library. There are eleven sets left, valued at \$49.40. A motion was made and seconded that the NHS purchase these from the library. The motion was passed unanimously.

C. Museum Committee:

Three people have visited the museum as of this time for March 2013.

A leather-bound 1869 *Lady's Godey's Book, Volume #79* was purchased for \$100.00.

Donations: 4 photographs of bobbin factory off of Central Street (Mel Smith); 2 photographs of School District #4, East Mountain (Rev. Roberts); 5 blotters, business/political (Cora Kangas); 18 miscellaneous items (Laura Pinkney); collection of obituaries (Andy Andrews); Governor Bradford wooden chair (Barbara Holden Yeomans).

Facility: The additional book shelves have been painted by Jerry Hagebusch.

Thirty-six additional 3-ring binders and two boxes of 100 acid free legal folders will be purchased for museum use.

The Sunapee Historical Society is looking for information on Newport resident and artist Sid Bickford for a program that they will be giving on him this summer. They are looking for individuals with an expertise on Mr. Bickford, to speak at their summer program.

The museum will be closed March 31st in observance of Easter.

Docent training will take place on April 7th at 12:30 PM.

D. Public Relations:

Dean Stetson reported on a meeting that he had had with Ron Garceau of *SooNipi Magazine*. May 1st is the deadline for advertising for the summer

issue. Dean and Priscilla will work on an advertisement and will report to the group at the April meeting.

7. Old Business:

- A. **Constitution/Bylaws:** President Baird and Jackie are working on the final copy of this document to send in to the state.
- B. **Business After Hours:** Thursday, May 16th, the NHS will hold a Business After Hours from 5 – 7 PM at the NHS Museum – Nettleton House. Additional planning for this will be done at the meeting in April.
- C. **Roof /window repair estimates:** No new news. Larry will follow-up on these two items.
- D. **Museum schedule:** The schedule is filled through May. Additional volunteers are welcome.
- E. **T-shirts:** Jackie reported that she is still waiting to hear back from Bacon Graphics.

8. New Business:

- A. **The First National Bank's Clock:** Larry briefed the group on the history of the First National Bank's clock that is now in storage. George Smith bequeathed the clock in his will, to the Newport Historical Society. A discussion ensued about where would be the best place to display the clock. This discussion will be continued at a later date.

9. **Programs:** Positive comments were given about the most recent program that was given in February.

The group discussed the need for setting the program schedule for the upcoming year. Members are asked to bring ideas about potential programs to the next meeting in April.

Members discussed the idea of creating a "Program Committee." This idea will be discussed at the meeting in April.

10. The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 8th at 6 PM at the Nettleton House.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Kessler
Secretary