

Newport Historical Society Board Meeting
October 8, 2018 6:30 pm
Nettleton House – Newport Historical Society Museum

Meeting Called to Order: Jerry Hagebusch Vice President at 6:35 PM.

Board Members Present: Larry Cote Museum Director, Jackie Cote-Treasurer, Dean Stetson Secretary Pro-Tempore, Pris Hagebusch, Arnie Hebert, Stan Sweeney, Tobin Menard, Dr. Arthur Walsh.

Absent: Annette Menard, Cathryn Baird, Rita James, Laura McCrillis, Jayna Hooper.

Public Present: There were no members of the public present.

Public Forum: Jackie mentioned the Newport Summit sponsored by the Newport Chamber of Commerce on November 13th. Cocktails starting at 5 PM and the meeting at 6 PM.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on September 10th, 2018 were open for discussion. No one presented any amendments or corrections.

A Motion to accept the minutes of the September 10th meeting was made by Jackie.

The Second to the Motion was made by Pris.

The Motion was ACCEPTED by all and rejected by none.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurers reports for the month of September 2018 were presented to the group for review. Members of the board looked over the information and had no specific questions at the time.

There was also an email vote prior to this meeting and it was approved by the majority to “rolling” the current 7-Day CD with a balance of \$28,272.53 into a 25 month CD with a rate of 2.1% at Sugar River Savings Bank.

Financial Statements were presented by Jackie Cote. Detailed copies were distributed, reviewed and discussed including:

- Newport Historical Society Accounting Summary for September 1st thru September 30th.
- Main Operating Account FY ending 30-Sept-2018
- Nettleton House Account FY ending 30-Sept-2018
- NHS Budget Comparison Operating Acct. INCOME October 1st 2017 to September 30th, 2018
- NHS Budget Comparison Operating Acct. EXPENSE October 1st 2017 to September 30th, 2018
- NHS Budget Comparison Nettleton House INCOME October 1st 2017 to September 30th, 2018
- NHS Budget Comparison Nettleton House EXPENSE October 1st 2017 to September 30th, 2018
- Covered Bridge account information.

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Fundraising Report - Jackie provided information regarding Fundraising, status of sales may be seen in the Treasurers Report. The Farmers Market is over. The gross is down just a bit from the previous year. It was discussed by all as to how important it is to be out in the public eye. More post cards have been reordered and Joan Dodge is working on ornaments. The Corbin Covered Bridge Logo was printed on mugs in error by the company and instead of charging or returning the product, the NHS has them to sell on consignment.

Museum Report from Larry Cote:

- We had (19) visitors sign the register for the month of September.
- We made (8) purchases of artifacts since the last report:
 - Kenneth Andler painting from Ebay for \$121.75
 - (6) Newport Business calendars from the 1940's \$30 (\$5 each)
 - Carpet sweeper with an H. L. Barker, Newport, N.H. label on it. \$30
- The Andler painting has a stain and is very dirty. I checked around and the Claremont Custom Framing does clean oil paintings. Without seeing the painting, he estimated \$200 to \$300. He can clean it and wax the back to keep the cracking from getting worst.
 - As I see it we have three choices:
 1. Do nothing
 2. Have it professionally cleaned
 3. I could try to clean it.
- In September we had (20) individual donations of artifacts to the Museum totaling (143) items:
- Stan Sweeney and I have completed the changes to the displays for the coming year. Open house is this Wednesday.

Membership Report:

- Membership drive letters have been mailed.
- Membership for the NHS ended at 282 for the 2018 FY. (275 in 2017)
- To date NHS has received 178 renewals.

Old Business:

- Cathryn and Nancy Myers will be presenting programs next summer.
- The NHS Museum was gifted a rare watch. Details will be in the next newsletter.
- Dean offered that he is willing to train and support anyone to partner in the activity including Website, Recording Secretary.

New Business:

- Business after Hours is on Wednesday October 10th. The catered event will be between 5 and 7 PM.
- Pris will provide cake.

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- The group working on the Bank Clock will be meeting again. Hands and chimes have been offered to help complete the clock.

Elections were held at this meeting. The Slate of Officers for the next FY were unanimously elected by 9 members attending and are as follows:

President – Cathryn Baird

Vice President – Jerry Hagebusch

Secretary (Pro Temp) – Dean Stetson

Treasurer – Jackie Cote

Museum Director – Larry Cote

Corbin Covered Bridge Event: Dean reported highlights from recent meetings and activities.

- **NEXT MEETING: Saturday October 20th 9:00 AM at the Newport Historical Society Museum**
- **Flyer Filled** – Need next promotion
- Town Planner final images
- Dean to contact Shannon MacMichael – Noise R us.
- Requested Race details from PJ for field schedule and promotion.
- Sent Chris Smith email requesting meeting for Parade Coordinator.
- Requested Ground Rules for Turf Strip from Airport on Sept 25, 2018.
- Requested Quote from Deb Stevens for Mums/decorations for targeted donations.
- Cleaning of the inside of the bridge. Procedure sent
- Fireworks at the Airport as part of the event.
- Parade – chris smith contacted
- Hunter will look into any funding earmarked for the Corbin Covered Bridge.
- See if we can close the bridge to traffic for a number of hours in evening for Honorary Dinner IN the bridge. Hunter approved of the concept and felt it was very do-able.
- Establishment of a Dedicated Bridge Fund/ Park Fund through Dinner Proceeds.
 - The establishment of the park in the area is a highly welcomed idea and embraced.
- Bridge Signs and specification.
- Brackets & hanging planters from Ag. Class on bridge.
- Other matters suggested by Town Management
 - Walking Bridge in town
 - Make an event like this an annual destination/weekend event for the town of Newport.
 - Hunter said he would be in touch with Dean for continued communications on these and other topics.

With no other business before the board the meeting was adjourned at

A Motion to adjourn was made by Larry at 8:18.

The Second to the Motion was made by all.

The Motion was ACCEPTED by all; rejected by none.

Dean Stetson

Recording Secretary (Pro Temp)