

Newport Historical Society Board Meeting
August 13, 2018 6:30 pm
Nettleton House – Newport Historical Society Museum

Meeting Called to Order: 6:30 PM by Jerry Hagebusch Vice President

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

Absent: Cathryn Baird President, Laura McCrillis, and Jayna Hooper.

Public Present: None

Public Forum: Larry Cote brought to the attention of the group that Paul Brown provided a distribution of remaining funds from donations to the Brady Bridge memorial to the American Legion and Dale Flewelling and \$200 to NHS.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on July 9th, 2018 were open for discussion. No one presented any amendments or corrections.

A Motion to accept the minutes of the July 9th meeting was made by Jackie.

The Second to the Motion was made by Larry.

The Motion was ACCEPTED by all and rejected by none. Jackie abstained

Treasurer's Report

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

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

- Newport Historical Society Accounting Summary for June 1 thru 30 and July 1 thru 31 2018.
- 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 the following information regarding Fundraising

- Chamber Day sales were down
- Hope Books selling well and more reordered
- CCB Note cards in the works.
- Pris presented a laser cut bookmark that had a covered bridge. The group will look at suppliers.
- Joan Dodge working on CCB ornaments.

Museum Report from Larry Cote:

- We had (35) visitors sign the register for the month of July.
- We made no purchases of artifacts since the last report:
- We purchased a new projector from Best Buy for \$399 plus about \$20 for the cable to mate the projector to the computer.
- We had (13) individual donation of artifacts to the Museum totaling 175 items in (July):
- The quote to replace the bronze sign on the Corbin Bridge came in at \$409 including shipping. Need to decide if we want to get other quotes or order the sign.- discussion resulted in looking at a second vendor to compare pricing.
- We have September 26th scheduled for a power-point program at Summercrest.
- We are seeking help to change the displays in September.
- Larry asked the group what to do about the box of BB Van “Where Are Your Husbands?” DVD’s donated by John Tariot. The group suggested advertising their availability in the next newsletter with no inference of pricing. (NOTE: the DVD’s have to be considered “Gifts”.... Not for Sale and Not for a Suggested donation however available for a “Free-Will Donation).

Membership Report:

- Membership drive starts in Mid-September. If you renew before Sept 30th, you will be a member for 2019 AND 2018.
- Membership for the NHS ended at 275 for the 2017 FY.
- Current Membership is 267.
- Raffle in November of \$25 gift certificates.

We need to clarify “Life Membership” in all printing to include “(per person)” with the price of \$250.

Old Business:

- The NHS voted at the last meeting to support the replacement of 1 North Newport Cemetery Sign with a donation of \$315.00.
- Larry to pursue quotes for Bronze Plaque.

New Business:

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- The slate of officers for upcoming elections was discussed.
- Nominations are in September with Vote in October and all are welcome.
- The current board members are willing to stay in their respective positions for the next year.

Corbin Covered Bridge Event:

- Aug - 3rd Festival Letterhead and Envelope Templates are available in the Documents and Links Tab.
- Aug 3rd- Dale Flewelling from Art Attack has offered to donate Bridge Signs for the Corbin Covered Bridge. He is reviewing various examples and will provide a sketch for approval. if/when approved, it is suggested to keep the sign design under wraps and unveiling as a major event at the Festival.
- Aug 1st - "Staff" Tee Shirts and Mugs are available.
- Aug 1st - Have articles by Ann Stout in Soo-Nipi Magazine for both 2018 and 2019.
- July 31st - The event will be October's 2019 Town Planner Calendar highlight in the Newport, Sunapee, New London, and Claremont communities reaching 40,000 people.
- July 30th - Cathryn Received word of a \$500 donation from Bar Harbor Bank and Trust.

ACTION ITEMS to discuss at the next meeting August 18th, at 9:00 At Dr. Walsh's house.:

- 1. 50/50 Raffle – assign leader**
- 2. Define solicitations from list**
- 3. Need images of CCB bridge (4) by Sept 1st. & PROMO EVENT BLOCK - Wording**
- 4. Approve Vendor Participation Form-Get Signatures from current list.**

With no other business before the board the meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

A Motion to adjourn was made by Larry

The Second to the Motion was made by Rita

The Motion was ACCEPTED by all; rejected by none.

Dean Stetson

Recording Secretary (Pro Temp)