

Newport Historical Society Board Meeting
March 12, 2018 6:30 pm
Nettleton House – Newport Historical Society Museum

Vice-President Jerry Hagebusch Called the Meeting to order at 6:37.

Board Members Present: Jerry Hagebusch Vice President , Larry Cote Museum Director, Jackie Cote-Treasurer, Laura McCrillis Dean Stetson Secretary Pro-Tempore, Pris Hagebusch, Rita James, Dr. Arthur Walsh, and Jayna Hooper.

Absent: Cathryn Baird President, Arnie Hebert, Stan Sweeney

No Public Present:

Public Forum:

There were no comments from the public.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on February 12, were open for discussion. No one presented any changes or corrections.

A Motion to accept the minutes of the February 12 meeting was made by Dean.

The Second to the Motion was made by Pris.

The Motion was ACCEPTED by all; Abstained by Laura and Jackie and rejected by none.

Treasurer's Report

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

- Jackie commented that the month of February is traditionally a low activity month.
- \$2,500 donations made for the CCB Event
- Received additional targeted donations for the replacement of the furnace (\$315.00)
- Newton Bartlett signed up for a life membership

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

- Newport Historical Society Accounting Summary for February 1st through the 28th 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
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A Motion to accept the Treasurers Report was made by Priscilla.
The Second to the Motion was made by Rita.
The Motion was ACCEPTED by all; rejected by none.

Museum Report:

The Museum Report was presented by Museum Director, Larry Cote– Details in the Monthly Museum report. Highlights include:

- 44 visitors signed the register for the month of February.
- We had 6 individual donations of artifacts in February
- Reception for the Kearsarge magazine held on Feb 18 was successful
- Judy Tatem has offered to do a then and now book for the Newport Historical Society
- Larry asked The Town Manager if we would be considered for inclusion in the solar energy program. The group discussed the merits and disadvantages. Larry was authorized to continue the conversation on the NHS ability to tie in the Museum with the rest of the town infrastructure.
- A Motion to authorize Larry to continue the conversation on the NHS's ability to tie the Museum in with the rest of the town Solar Project was made by Jackie.
- The Second to the Motion was made by Arthur.
- The Motion was ACCEPTED by all; rejected by none.

Fundraising Report:

- A shipment of the Leaping' Lena Ornaments were received and the group reviewed them – they looked excellent!
- Jackie provided the fund raising report.
- Farmers market Calendar should be put up on the Docent Calendar (Dean will address) The dates are May 18 to October 5 this year.
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Membership Report:

- Membership for the NHS ended at 275 for the 2017 FY.
- Current Membership is 251.
- A list of 31 Members who have not renewed was distributed.

Old Business:

- Change in Constitution and Bylaws are in good order and archived on line and in hard copy.
- Kearsarge Magazine was at the museum on Sunday 18 February. The event was catered by “Autumn Harvest” and Kearsarge Magazine provided copies of the magazine and folks from the featured articles (Ray Reid, Marylou McGuire, and others) were at the museum to sign and discuss.
- Larry and Dean will meet with Kaitlynn Fish's class to support her 6, 7, 8 grade History of Newport program.

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- Discussion at the previous meeting to offer a \$100 donation to the International Work Camp was brought up and discussed.
- A Motion to accept was made by Pris.
- The Second to the Motion was made by Rita.
- The Motion was ACCEPTED by all; rejected by none.

Corbin Covered Bridge Event:

- Dean presented a sales sheet for sponsors and vendors – comments and discussion concluded that a couple of tweaks were in order to better communicate the pricing structure. Dean and Pris will address those changes.
- There was a discussion on events and exactly how many days to define the event – 3 days were chosen Friday through Sunday October 11 through 13 were decided.
- Dean has the login info for the NHS Face Book account to highlight and communicate to a broader audience for the CCB Event. A video is in place – turn up the sound!
- The group went over a list of events and people associated with the CCB event both past and present and contact people were associated to start the distribution of the sales sheets tentatively by the end of March.
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NEXT CCB Festival MEETING: was undefined at the time of this meeting.

New Business:

- **No New Business was presented**

With no other business before the board the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM

A Motion to adjourn was made by Jayna.
The Second to the Motion was made by Rita.
The Motion was ACCEPTED by all; rejected by none.

Dean Stetson
Recording Secretary (Pro Temp)