

Newport Historical Society Board Meeting
February 11, 2019 6:30 pm
Nettleton House – Newport Historical Society Museum

Meeting Called to Order: at 6:33 PM

Board Members Present: Jackie and Larry Cote, Cathryn Baird, Jerry and Priscilla Hagebusch, Rita James, Stan Sweeney, Dean Stetson, Tobin Menard, Laura McCrillis, and Arthur Walsh (7:10)

Absent: Jayna Hooper, Arnie Hebert

Public Present: None

Public Forum: There were no comments from the Public. The group did enjoy some light conversation while the latest edition of the Mill Town Messenger was being prepared for mailing. It was also announced at that time that Vice President Jerry Hagebusch will have to chair the meetings in March and April. President Cathryn Baird and her husband will be on an extended Holiday.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

There was no meeting of the Newport Historical Society Board of Directors during the Month of January. The minutes of the previous meeting held on December 11th, 2018 were open for discussion. No one presented any amendments or corrections.

A Motion to accept the minutes of the December 11th, 2018 meeting was made by Jackie.
The Second to the Motion was made by Larry.
The Motion was ACCEPTED by all and rejected by none.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's reports 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 both December 1st thru December 31st and January 1st thru January 31st 2019.
- Main Operating Account FY ending 30-Sept-2019
- Nettleton House Account FY ending 30-Sept-2019
- NHS Budget Comparison Operating Acct. INCOME October 1st 2018 to September 30th, 2019.
- NHS Budget Comparison Operating Acct. EXPENSE October 1st 2018 to September 30th, 2019.
- NHS Budget Comparison Nettleton House INCOME October 1st 2018 to September 30th, 2019
- NHS Budget Comparison Nettleton House EXPENSE October 1st 2018 to September 30th, 2019.
- Covered Bridge account information.

A Motion to accept the Treasurers Report was made by Laura.
The Second to the Motion was made by Tobin.
The Motion was ACCEPTED by all and rejected by none.

Fundraising Report from Jackie Cote:

- The last two weeks at Sugar River Bank in December were good. The Friday & Saturday of December 14 & 15 netted sales of \$298 including \$21 in donations. The following and final week of December 21 & 22 netted sales of \$202.50 including \$59 in donations.

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- Gallery of Gifts sales this season were \$358.15 for ornaments and \$144.40 for the suncatchers totaling \$502.55.
- Overall, the blue suncatchers are most popular followed by the green.
- I received an email from Joan last week that she had finished and shipped the fall/foilage Corbin Bridge ornaments and is working on the winter scene. We need to order boxes. Currently we have enough bubble wrap.
- Dean has remastered the Corbin Bridge VHS tape. We now have 10 that we can sell.
- We had 5 sets each of brown and green Corbin Covered Bridge coasters. They are packaged 10 to a pack selling for \$5.00. We had the green pack for the last SRB week and sold 1 pack. Ann Stout has since delivered the brown coasters. In January we sold another pack but the color was not listed on the slip.
- Stan will order 50 of the wooden covered bridges from Eric & Kathryn Callum, delivery to be sometime in the next 6 months.

Museum Report from Larry Cote:

- We made no purchases of artifacts since the last report:
- We have had (2) donations of artifacts since the end of 2018.
- In the month of January we had (24) visitors sign the register at the Museum.
- Arnie Hebert is working on entering the donations into Past Perfect.
- I would like to thank everyone for their help and understanding while I attend to my Brother Raoul's estate. Knowing the Museum is in great hands is very comforting.
- We are always looking for new Docents, training will be provided. You will enjoy your time there and will learn a little more about your Town

Membership Report provided by Jackie Cote:

- We currently have 229 paid members.
- Our reminder letter was mailed in January to those who have not renewed.
- The 9/30/18 total was 282.
- We have 53 to go to reach last year's total.

Old Business:

There were no Old Business matters presented for discussion.

New Business:

There was a lively discussion on the Corbin and Champollion mansions. There was also a discussion on upcoming presentations for the summer enrichment series. Potential topics included Sharon Woods, the D.A.R., a "crackerbarrel" discussion, a program about Governor Murphy, Bruce Cronin, Heidi Bartlett.

Corbin Covered Bridge Event:

Dean reported highlights from recent meetings and activities As of 2-11-2019: 243 Days – 8 Months until the event.

Many goals achieved to support promotion...

- At LAC Storefront –looking for banner.
- Radio WNTK
- Radio WCNL
- Newspaper – Web

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- NSPCB Presentation Mar 24 Boscowen.
- Natasha and Paul article
- Art Show on Main St.
- Copies of Calendars for Photographers
- Communicating with some event participants
- Have go ahead with dinner and parade planning
- Have trunnel map but no names.
- Heritage Commission Signage/Presentation
- Town Report submittal

NEEDS:

- Secure tents and Porta Potties
- Will send out “tickelers” this week to report big items at next Saturday’s meeting..
- Dinner in bridge
- Flyer Distribution allocation to Who and delivery to contractor
- Solidify more participants- Meat for the table.
- Harrington Storefront
- Additional Fundraising for activities.
- 50/50 Details
- Communicate
- Fireworks shooter
- Program for the Event

There was a discussion on Festival liability insurance and requirements. Dean was to look into what other organizations such as the Rec. Center, RFL, and Chamber did.

With no other business before the board the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 PM.

A Motion to adjourn was made by Priscilla.

The Second to the Motion was made by Jerry.

The Motion to adjourn the meeting was ACCEPTED by all; rejected by none.

Dean Stetson

Recording Secretary (Pro Temp)