

**Newport Historical Society Board Meeting**  
**Jun 10, 2019 6:30 pm**  
**Nettleton House – Newport Historical Society Museum**

Meeting Called to Order By: President Cathryn Baird at 6:33 PM

**Board Members Present:** Jackie and Larry Cote, Cathryn Baird, Jerry and Priscilla Hagebusch, Rita James, Arthur Walsh, Dean Stetson, Stan Sweeney, Jayna Hooper

**Absent:** Laura McCrillis, Tobin and Annette Menard.

**Public Present:** There were no public present.

**Public Forum:** Pam LaFountain (retired Schoolteacher) has volunteered to be a docent.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting:**

A Motion to accept the minutes of the April 8th, 2019 meeting was made by Dean.

The Second to the Motion was made by Jackie.

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 May 1<sup>st</sup> thru May 31<sup>st</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
- NHS Budget Comparison Operating Acct. EXPENSE October 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 to September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
- NHS Budget Comparison Nettleton House INCOME October 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 to September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019
- NHS Budget Comparison Nettleton House EXPENSE October 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 to September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
- Covered Bridge account information.

A Motion to accept the Treasurers Report was made by Pris.

The Second to the Motion was made by Stan.

The Motion was ACCEPTED by all and rejected by none.

**Fundraising Report: The focus of fundraising for the remainder of the year will be Corbin Covered Bridge Memorabilia.**

- The Newport Historical Society will be at the Newport Farmers Market Friday's through October 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Half of the memorabilia is up on Face book for web viewing.
- The group viewed the most recent Corbin Covered Bridge note cards and camp mugs.
- Picked up 50 new copies of Patrick O'Grady's Replicate book. Cost for 50 copies was \$666 and that has been split between \$300 from \$5,000 memorabilia fund and a donation from the Cote's of \$366.
- **June 15<sup>th</sup>** – Chamber Day on the Common

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**Museum Report from Larry Cote:**

- We had (23) visitors sign the register for the month of May.
- We made no purchases of artifacts since the last report.
- We replaced the light fixture in the 2nd floor kitchen with an L.E.D. fixture as the fluorescent transformer went bad, we tried to replace the tubes but it was the transformer and we couldn't get a replacement. It cost \$51.48 and we installed it ourselves.
- We had (6) donations of artifacts totaling (33) items including a pudding mold, LaValley Business Ledger, Banking items, Sid Bickford Paintings.
- September will see a change in the Museum displays.
- There will be a Corbin Covered Bridge Display on the lower Level.

**Membership Report provided by Jackie Cote:**

- Current membership is 242..... There was 282 members during the last membership year.
- Pris Hagebusch will be leading the Membership drive this next year.

**Old Business:**

- The "Square" card reader and system details were provided by Jackie. Hopefully the system will be up and running by Chamber Day.

**New Business:**

- There was a lengthy discussion regarding cost/benefit assessment in terms of time and labor participating weekly at the Farmers Market after this year. Many voiced concerns about the amount of traffic that is being seen so far this year and its overall trends.
- The July News Letter is to contain:
  - A Corbin Covered Bridge Update.
  - Colored memorabilia insert.
  - Tim Kelly July 18 Concert Promotion.

**Corbin Covered Bridge Event:**

Dean reported highlights from recent meetings and activities to date.

- June 12 - Meeting with Christine Benner on Wednesday discussing Food Trucks
- July 17 – Presentation at Summercrest
- July 18 – Tim Kelly Concert at LAC.... Tickets available \$20 PP.
- Newport Opera House Association Events.
- Bridge Dinner defined – # of tickets?
- Meeting with Hunter and Town Staff June 18<sup>th</sup>. **Map with General Field Layout will be helpful.**
- **The Next CCB meeting is scheduled for: Monday June 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM at the Newport Historical Society Museum**

With no other business before the board the meeting was adjourned at: 8:07 PM

A Motion to adjourn was made by Larry.

The Second to the Motion was made by Stan.

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

Dean Stetson

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