

## **Minutes of Pawlett Historical Society Monthly Trustee Meeting**

**August 8, 2017 Chriss Monroe Chapel**

**Present:** Steve Williams, Rose Smith, Barry Meinerth, Gerald Mason, Judy Coolidge, Marlee Mason, John Malcolm

**Minutes of July 13, 2017 Trustees Monthly Meeting** approved by motion of Marlee Mason and 2nd of Judy Coolidge

**Treasurer's Report** approved by motion of Marlee Mason and 2nd by Judy Coolidge

Discussion included - terminology of \$500 Cemetery payment change from "fees" to "rent"; - Approved; pre buy of fuel from Haskins at \$1.90 for 400 gallons = \$760 by motion of Barry Meinerth and 2nd by Gerald Mason

- Request for budget issues/ideas and schedule a finance committee meeting 8/18
- purchase of envelopes and stamps for Newsletter and appeal letter

### **Facilities**

Rose Smith expressed thanks for the movers from North Pawlet School to the Chapel; Judy and Bud Coolidge for the desk and Bob Morlino for installing the Chapel AC, dehumidifier, and window blinds

Steve Williams will look into Eileen Travell's request looking for the location of Suzanne Rappaport's slate plaque for the Braintree school.

Barry Meinerth discussed some repairs at Braintree school and no response from Greg Colm for work at the North Pawlet School.

Steve Williams will talk with Myron Waite about PHS using the Chapel cellar and will talk with Bob Morlino about a carpenter for Braintree repairs.

Marlee Mason reported that the Cemetery Assoc's insurance covers Braintree and NPS update/renovations. She will look at PHS policy coverage of the collection.

Judy Coolidge reported that Elizabeth Gibson is working on a matching grant from the VT Division of Historic Preservation for insulated window shades and lighting fixtures for the Town Hall auditorium. PHS can coordinate the match with our appeal letter. However, information is sought from Elizabeth Gibson and/or Karen Folger on both the scope of the grant and its cost for incorporation in the appeal letter.

Also discussion about American Fly Fishing Museum having extra racks that may be available. Rose Smith will ask her husband Jordan to inquire about them

### **Collections**

Rose and Sarah will look for Pawlet bicycle photos in the PHS collection for display at the forthcoming Ice Cream Social on September 10th.

A lady inquired about a relative of hers, James Frome, one of Pawlet's original grantees

### **Membership**

Judy Coolidge reported that the Newsletter has been sent out with 75 membership renewals in addition to Board and to others

There was discussion about contributions to PHS over a certain amount earning a membership, welcoming new residents with a membership, and having a business class of membership.

### **PHS Historian**

Offering an appointment to Martha Schoenemann as PHS Historian was approved on motion by Rose Smith and 2nd by Judy Coolidge. The position does not require attendance at Board meetings!

### **Historic Marker**

Application for the PHS Town Hall marker was submitted early in August Barry Meinerth reported after it was signed by Selectboard Chair Mike Beecher. Steve Williams will contact Robin Chestnut-Tangerman for his support on the grant application.

### **Website**

It was reported that Elizabeth Gibson is working on updates and asks the Board for any suggestions they may have.

### **Nominating Committee**

Gerald Mason has notified the Board that he declines continuing as a Trustee which will create a new vacancy in addition to two others. Thank You Gerald! Next meeting of the Nominating Committee will be prior to next Trustee meeting 9/14 @6.30.

### **Raffle**

Steve Williams reports on the continuing difficulty with the Dorset Farmers Market schedule and he and Barbara have tried Sheldon Store with some success (\$110). Lynn Sheldon the owner has been very welcoming to the PHS. Fridays and Mondays are the busiest days if potential raffle ticket sellers are considering setting up stall. Please advise me if you plan to be there so that I can give notice to Lynn.

Other raffle options for the future were discussed

### **Oral Histories**

Melissa O'Brien has scheduled some interviews with local residents

### **Programs for 2017**

August 16 Chapel Bicycling in VT 1880-1920 Luis Vivanco

August 27 Open House at Braintree School (Barry and Rose)

Sept 10 Ice Cream Social at Chriss Monroe Chapel 2-4pm

Sept 24 Open House Braintree School (Judy and Marlee)

Oct 19 VT History of Roads and Settlements Deborah Lee Luskin

### **Other**

Merchandise- Judy Coolidge discussed PHS T-shirts, It was approved to order 36 in a variety of sizes from Miller's T's Poultney on motion by Judy and 2nd by Barry

Thank you to Bob Morlino (and Gib and Doreen) for putting up banner on Mach building with updates.

**Next Board Meeting:** Thursday September 14, 2017, 7 pm, Chriss Monroe Chapel