

Pawlett Historical Society Monthly Trustee Meeting  
July 13, 2017, Chriss Monroe Chapel

Members present: Sarah Rath, Rose Smith, Susan DiChiara, Steve Williams, Barry Meinerth, Judy Coolidge, John Malcolm, Marlee Mason, Theresa Jones, Marcia Russo.

Members absent: Jerry Mason

Guests: Susan LaPorte (susanlaporte53@yahoo.com) and Karen Folger (porchhillk@comcast.net) members of Pawlet Town Hall Restoration Project

Minutes of June 8, 2017 meeting were approved as corrected by motion Barry Meinerth and second by Sarah Rath.

Pawlet Town Hall Restoration Project: Barry Meinerth introduced Susan LaPorte and Karen Folger. Barry proposes PHS support the Pawlet Town Hall restoration efforts in our annual 2017- 2018 fundraising campaign. A Pawlet Town Hall Project 2003-2017 progress report was distributed to PHS trustees.

Key areas outlined in the Pawlet Town Hall Restoration report that PHS could lend support include:

- \*Ceiling in the upstairs auditorium: ceiling is very unique and needs to be stabilized. Plan to use a European restoration approach. Need to obtain new cost estimates
- \*Black out shades for all the windows in the upstairs auditorium
- \*Lighting in the upstairs auditorium

After discussion, motion made by Steve Williams and second by Barry Meinerth to support the Pawlet Town Hall Restoration project addressing the auditorium shades and lighting restoration efforts in PHS 2017-18 fundraising appeal. Motion approved. Karen and Susan will contact Elizabeth Gibson to assist in this Pawlet community endeavor. Judy Coolidge will be PHS point of contact with Karen and Susan.

PHS Programs for 2017:

August 16th, Wednesday Bicycling in Vermont 1880-1920 Luis Vivanco at Chriss Monroe Chapel 7:00 PM

September 10th, Sunday Ice Cream Social at Chriss Monroe Chapel 2:00-4:00 pm

August 27<sup>th</sup> and September 24<sup>th</sup> Sundays, Open House at Braintree School 2:00-4:00 PM

Treasurer's Report, Barry Meinerth presented for Rose Smith: Treasurer's report includes Balance Sheet Detail, Profit & Loss, and Profit & Loss vs. Actual as of June 30, 2017. The Treasurer's report was approved by motion Barry Meinerth and second by Sarah Rath.

The following items in the Treasurer's report from Rose Smith were approved:

- #1) Email the monthly Treasurer's Report beginning August 2017 meeting
- #2) The Treasurer is authorized to move funds from the Fidelity Brokerage account to Citizen's checking up to a sum of \$2000 as needed
- #3) Marlee Mason will investigate if the Cemetery Commission has increased the building value in their insurance policy to cover the upgrades to the Chapel building. (PHS may need a rider to our insurance policy to cover contents.)
- #4) Steve Williams will contact Bob Morlino to install the new window air conditioner and secure/ close gaps in the window for the Chapel.

Treasurer's Report Highlights:

Deposited \$1395.30 from the Tag Sale (Bake \$375, Tag \$810.30, Raffle \$70 & \$140)  
Deposited \$95 from Farmers Market Raffle Ticket Sales

Expenses: Paid Pawlet Post Office for stamps \$9.80, Paid GMP \$63.23, Paid VTel \$41.15, Paid Bob Morlino \$69.08, Paid Blue Flame Chapel \$69.08

Checking account balance: June 30, 2017 \$3288.92          July 3, 2017 \$2834.45  
Fidelity Change in value for June \$2013.11

Facilities: Barry Meinerth reported on the brick work needing to be done at the North Pawlet School building. Greg Colm's estimate for acid wash and silicon treatment includes labor and material is \$1750. Moved by Barry Meinerth and second by Sarah Rath. Motion approved to proceed with brick work repair. Barry will assess the "paint peeling" problem at Braintree school building and report back.

Collections:

Received a stencil from Platt Herrick for the collection. Considering using the stencil and a PHS logo for T-shirts to sell. Judy Coolidge will contact Miller Signs, East Wells to explore the feasibility and cost.

MOVE DATE: Tentative July 28th and 29<sup>th</sup> Sarah is coordinating. Need help moving boxes.

Membership: Judy Coolidge is coordinating membership recruitment. Discussed mechanics of the distribution of membership applications. Proposed sending a return envelope with application on envelope flap. Add donors to membership list. Include membership application in PHS newsletter.

Dorset Farmer's Market Raffle sales schedule: Present for June 25<sup>th</sup> market but we did not have an opportunity for July 2<sup>nd</sup> and July 9<sup>th</sup>. We are competing with two other non-profits for space at the Dorset Farmer's Market. Steve will send out August schedule for Dorset Farmers Market hoping that PHS gets a spot. Trustees are encouraged to explore other possible venues for raffle ticket sales.

Newsletter: Sarah Rath, "August Newsletter" to the printer by August 1<sup>st</sup>  
Ken Major is doing an article on "Border Wars" Vermont New York. Judy Coolidge is writing an article on Pawlet private Kindergarten. Steve Williams will write a President's letter.

Barry made a suggestion that a future PHS Newsletter add a map that highlights the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade essay topics from PHS archives.

West Pawlet map has been reproduced at Quad Graphics/Joseph Rocca in thanks to Tom Colaprico's donation to cover reproduction costs. Barry Meinerth moved and seconded by Sarah Rath that Tom Colaprico be named a PHS life-time member. Motion approved. Maps are available for purchase.

Other: Judy Coolidge suggested that Melissa O'Brien conduct an interview with Charlotte and Bill Jordon as they are planning to move away from Pawlet in early September. Steve Williams will contact Melissa O'Brien.

Motion to adjourn by Marlee Mason

Next Meeting: August 10, 2017 7:00 PM at Chriss Monroe Chapel

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Graf Russo, Secretary