

Pawlett Historical Society Monthly Trustee Meeting
June 8, 2017 @ Pawlet Library

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

Also present: Elizabeth Gibson egib@vermontel.net

Welcome to Theresa Jones and Marlee Mason

Minutes of May 11, 2017 meeting were approved by motion Rose Smith and second by Barry Meinerth with correction. PHS meeting minutes will be forwarded to Elizabeth Gibson for the PHS website and Rhonda for Facebook.

Treasurer's Report, Rose Smith consisting of Balance Sheet Detail, Profit & Loss, and Profit & Loss vs. Actual as of May 31, 2017 was approved by motion Barry Meinerth and second by Sarah Rath.

Rose highlighted the following in the Treasurer's report:

Expenses paid:

Martha Schoenemann, Ray Finan, utilities, Bob Morlino, snow plowing North Pawlet school, Collaboration domain renewal fee (two domains: Pawlet Historical Society and Pawlett Historical Society)

Capital expense:

Heater installation came in under budget. Actual cost was \$1621.03

Equipment expense is over budget

Investments:

Fidelity has increased in value and we received a dividend

Heating expense:

Rose presented a pre-buy proposal for propane. Recommended fixed rate for next year 400 gallons \$919.60 with \$20 discount paid before July 1, 2017. The pre-buy was approved by motion Rose Smith and second by Sarah Rath.

Facilities:

Steve Williams moved and second by Judy Coolidge to reimburse Bob Morlino for mold remediation work at the Chapel. Motion approved.

Motion made by Rose Smith and second by Theresa Jones to purchase three sets of window black out shades for the Archive room at the chapel. Motion was approved.

Rose Smith moved and second by Sarah Rath to purchase an window GE 6000 BTU air condition unit for the Archive room at the chapel at cost of \$179. Motion was approved.

Rose Smith moved and seconded by Sue DiChiara to purchase a new smoke detector for North Pawlet building. Motion was approved.

On-going needed facilities' issues: Chapel needs storm windows installed, dehumidifier drain (Steve will contact Bob Morlino), security at the Chapel (will discuss with the Cemetery Society, Marlee Mason to ask Keith). North Pawlet building needs brick repair work. Barry will contact Greg Colm

Collections Rose and Sarah:

Plan to move the collections from North Pawlet to the Chapel by the end of July.

Website: Elizabeth Gibson presented updated change to PHS website following May 11th board meeting discussion. Website continues to be developed. Structure has been reorganized with decreasing the number of pages and creating an event page. PHS trustees have password access to a members-only page. Map of PHS facilities has been added using Google to website. Elizabeth will update PHS events on PHS website and Pawlet newsletter.

Nominating Committee:

Barry Meinerth has accepted the office of President for the upcoming year. Barry shared his focus preservation of buildings and archives, fundraising and establishing clear goals. The office of Vice President is open. PHS annual meeting in October

Programs:

June 8th MWA Bingo June 11th Bingo, Jerry and Sue

June 17th 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM Yard & Bake Sale at Pawlet Fire Dept. Set up on Friday, June 16th 8:30 start time. Rose arranged for Dan Williams from Poultney will take away all remaining goods. Thank you, Rose. Flyers will be distributed around the area. Rose will have start up cash boxes for Saturday, June 17th.

Remaining goods need a home—West Pawlet Fire Department is not taking our leftover goods. Any ideas?

August 16, 2017 bicycling in Vermont 1880-1920 Luis Vivanco: There is a conflict on August 17, 2017 with a Pawlet Library Washington County Band concert. Barry will contact presenter to negotiate a new date. Stay tuned.

Ice Cream Social: Sunday, **September 10, 2017** 2:00 to 4:00 afternoon with ice cream from Stewarts (Sarah) or Wilcox (Marcia) Wilcox is not an option as of 6/30/17. After discussion regarding the venue, the Ice Cream Social will be held as an open house for the community at the Chriss Monroe Chapel. We'll plan to have the Braintree School open on **August 27, 2017 and September 24, 2017.**

Newsletter: **Judy Coolidge** is writing an article on Pawlet's private kindergarten for the August 2017 Newsletter. Ken Major is helping to compile a PDF of all PHS newsletters.

Raffle update of Ray Finan's table: Steve Williams will be establishing a schedule for raffle ticket sales at the Dorset Farmer's Market. Steve will email the schedule to trustees. In Steve absence, Barry will be coordinating the raffle ticket sales at the Farmer's Market. We are pursuing all potential venues for raffle ticket sales. Hick's orchard is on the schedule in the fall apple picking season.

Historic Marker: Barry, Still a work in progress.

Membership: Judy Coolidge working on increasing membership and getting organized for membership renewals in July. Membership form to be available on the PHS website.

Other Items:

Theresa Jones will contact Pawlet Librarian, Melissa regarding free access to genealogy website link.

Oral histories haven't happened.

Motion to adjourn by Marlee Mason

Next Meeting: July 13, 2017 7:00 PM at Chriss Monroe Chapel

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Graf Russo, Secretary