

Pawlett Historical Society Monthly Trustee Meeting
May 11, 2017 @ Pawlet Library

Members present: Dorothy Carey, Barbara O'Connor, Sarah Rath, Rose Smith, Steve Williams, Barry Meinerth, Jerry Mason and Marcia Russo.

Members absent: Susan DiChiara, John Malcolm and Judy Coolidge

Also present: Elizabeth Gibson egib@vermontel.net

Dorothy Carey submitted her resignation from the PHS Board of Trustees. The board accepted Dorothy's resignation with regret thanking her for her contribution and service.

Nominating Committee: Theresa Jones has accepted the invitation to join PHS Board of Trustees. Judy Coolidge submitted Marlie Mason's name in consideration as a Trustee. Board approved extending the invitation to Marilee to join the PHS Board of Trustees. Steve Williams will contact Marlie. Continue to consider new potential individuals for the Board of Trustees.

Minutes of April 13, 2017 meeting were approved by motion Rose Smith and second by Dorothy Carey. 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, Profit & Loss vs. Actual as of April 30, 2017 was approved by motion Barry Meinerth and second by Sarah Rath.

Facilities: Heater installation completed. Need storm windows for the North Pawlet School house. AC unit needs to be placed in the Archive room at the Chapel.

Collections Rose and Sarah:

- Barry Meinerth reported that the 1891 Lucien Burlogh lithograph, a birds-eye view of West Pawlet is being reproduced.
- Collections committee will be purchasing more archival boxes for storage of collection items.
- Blinds will be installed for Chapel windows.
- File cabinet belonging to Cemetery Association is in the Archive room at the Chapel. Steve will ask if file cabinet can be removed.
- Bob Young, a former Pawlet resident donated a collection of Pawlet centennial buttons and presidential buttons. Sarah will research on EBay potential value of presidential buttons.
- Packing material needs to be removed from Chapel—Jerry will take care of removal.
- Move Date: tentative move in July (3 shelves are ready) North Pawlet to Chapel

- Barbara and Barry will clean the chapel before the May 18th program.
- Rose will hang more photos on the Chapel walls and bring all equipment to Chapel.

Programs:

May 18th: Dorset Quarries with Shawn Harrington (Barry Meinerth POC) at Chapel 7:00 PM

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

June 17th Yard & Bake Sale at Pawlet Fire Dept. Set up on Friday, June 16th 8:30 start time. Donations received from Dorset Church's rummage sale are being stored in John Malcolm's barn. Thank you Barbara and Doreen Mach for making this donation happen.

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

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

Ice Cream Social is in the planning stages. Date: September 10, 2017 afternoon with ice cream from Stewarts (Sarah) or Wilcox (Marcia). May have children games with possible help from Vicki Ripley.

Website updating with Elizabeth Gibson:

Elizabeth Gibson, with Rose Smith on computer, led the discussion page by page on the PHS website.

Elizabeth asked, "What do you want the PHS website to do?"

Responses: Link to Facebook. Add more photos, for example Town Hall photos, past PHS events, add more color font and add color to PHS logo. Possibly have a map highlighting PHS buildings. Reorganize the 6th grade essays for easier access. There is the potential to receive donations via the website and selling raffle tickets.

Website has great potential for keeping trustees access only to board minutes and organizational documents. Elizabeth can set up a private page.

Minutes of monthly trustee meetings will be sent to Elizabeth to coordinate PHS activities and events with the Pawlet town calendar.

Steve will contact Chip regarding fee for website service at Collaboration 133.

Raffle update of Ray Finan's table: Discussion pursued regarding selling raffle tickets at the Dorset Farmer's Market—sub vendor with \$25 fee vs. non-profit no fee. Need to establish a raffle ticket selling schedule for the summer months. We'll consider other venues to sell raffle tickets.

Historic Marker: Still a work in progress.

Oral Histories: Have not started to date.

Other items: Outhouse door is off at the Braintree School. So noted. Steve will inspect. Rose Smith will be away for next Trustee meeting on June 8th but will prepare Treasurer's report for presentation at the June 8th meeting.

Motion to adjourn made by Jerry Mason.

Next Meeting: June 8th 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Graf Russo, Secretary

Attached: PHS Board of Trustees contact information

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