

**Pawlett Historical Society, Monthly Trustees Meeting**  
**Pawlet Library**  
**November 9, 2017**

**Present:** Barry Meinerth, Steve Williams, John Malcolm, Rose Smith, Judy Coolidge, Marlee Mason, Sarah Rath, Theresa Jones, Keith Mason. Also, Elizabeth Gibson.

PHS Minutes of Trustees Monthly Meeting October 12, 2017 were approved on a motion by Judy and a 2nd by Rose with a change that the IRS Form 990 filing was to be done by Steve and Rose.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Rose reported a good final raffle tally of almost \$500 more than last year, thanks to all raffle workers, especially Steve and Barbara O'Connor

- the PHS fiscal year needs to be corrected on the IRS Form 990
- research will continue on a PHS credit card and a "sandwich" sign to direct people to PHS events
- envelope stuffing for the appeal letter will be Saturday, Nov 10 at 9 am at Library.
- Barry reported that after lengthy attempts of contacting the raffle winner without success, it was decided to pull a new winning ticket. The winner was Tobey Coolidge of Denver, Colo.
- there was continuing discussion of fund raising strategies

The report was approved on a motion by Marlee and a 2nd by Sarah.

**Facilities:**

Barry has talked with Greg Colm about installing the slate plaque at the Braintree School and will contact Bob Morlino about storm windows at the Chapel and draining the bathroom for winter

Steve talked with Myron Waite about the Chapel use by PHS and will arrange a meeting with Myron, Barry, Sarah, Rose, and Steve.

Barry displayed some of the brackets of shelving PHS acquired from the Fly Fishing Museum. The potential HVAC needs for the Chapel big room were also discussed.

**Collections:** Rose and Sarah reported progress is being made cataloguing of the collection, albeit slow due to the volume of the backlog and with new items arriving continually. It was discussed ways to help PHS make faster progress with the cataloguing and other ways to make the collection more accessible. PHS continues looking into Neil Rappaport's town project. A spring 2018 inventory and clean out of the storage sheds at NPS and Braintree was discussed. Nearby Historical Societies are on the lookout for large spinning wheels made by Sam Morrison of Danby/Mt Holly area.

**Website:** Elizabeth Gibson discussed corrections and additions to the PHS website, including the digital collection of the Burdick and Bushee glass plate photos, and other items Rhonda Schlangen could use on the PHS Facebook page.

**Town Hall Historic Marker:** Barry will look into any progress.

**Membership:** Judy reported a few membership renewals and hoping the appeal letter will stimulate more interest in PHS activities.

**Newsletter:** It was reported that George Henry is retiring so PHS will need to find a new printer, as well as obtaining George's collection of pre 2013 PHS Newsletters. Old ones are also physically in PHS collection at the North Pawlet School. Items for the next Newsletter could include a President's message, an article by Ken Major, and an interview with Eileen Stouter, 101 years young!

**Committees:** It was agreed to continue with committees of the PHS and their members.

Finance - Barry and Judy and Rose

Nominating - Steve and Judy

Collections - Sarah, Rose, Theresa, Judy, Martha S

Facilities - Barry, John

Publicity - Theresa

Hospitality - Marlee

Website/Facebook Liason - ?

**Oral Histories:** Judy and Marlee offered to get them started and look into purchasing video equipment

**Events:** There was discussion of future events and activities including:

- an updated Pawlet Scrapbook
- a Pawlet TourBook, driving, walking tour,
- commemorative historic building plaques
- another ice cream Sunday at the Chapel

Next Event

VT Songs and Old Costumes, Linda Radtke, VT Humanities Council    Date ?

Submitted by John Malcolm, Secretary

**NEXT PHS BOARD MEETING: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2017 PAWLET LIBRARY, 7 PM**