

## **Pawlett Historical Society, Monthly Trustees Meeting 9-14-2017, Pawlet Library**

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

The Board recognized Marcia Russo's resignation, Marlee Mason will pick up and send a card of thanks to Marcia. John Malcolm will fill in as Secretary. Also Sue DiChiara will continue to help but will step down from the Board. Thank you Sue!

Minutes of 8-8-2017 PHS Trustees Meeting approved by motion of Marlee and 2nd by Sarah Rath

Website - Elizabeth Gibson :

- offers to publicize PHS Trustee meetings on the Town's E-News.
- she has gotten old issues of the PHS Newsletters from George Henry and will put them on the Website
- the application for the Town Hall ceiling grant to the VT Division of Historic Places has been submitted, it includes the \$17000 cost split between the grant for \$8500 and \$8500 from fundraising, to include PHS support to be solicited in forthcoming annual appeal letter... Another grant for window shades will be applied for in the spring of 2018 from the VT Arts Council

Treasurers Report

Rose Smith reported receiving \$45 from the persons that took the remaining items from the tag sale, payment was made for Greg Colm's brickwork at the North Pawlet School, and the full cemetery yearly rent of \$500 was paid. The report was approved by motion of Barry Meinerth and 2nd by Sue DiChiara

Facilities

It was reported by Barry that the Braintree School repairs were completed, that Bob Morlino continues to search for someone to install insulation for the Chapel Archive room and Steve will also ask Bob to search for storm windows. Storage racks from the Fly Fishing museum will also be looked into. Rose reported that the AC at the NPS is failing and she proposes taking the small one from the Chapel to the NPS for next summer and acquiring a bigger one for the Chapel. Both AC's will need pulling in for the winter

Collections

Sarah and Rose discussed revisiting how the collection is stored between the NPS and the Chapel with the possibility of having larger items that could be displayed at the Chapel

Marlee reported on PHS insurance coverage with the Shaw agency - both school buildings for \$85000, and \$20000 for the Chapel contents only, and \$15000 coverage for offsite storage and \$1 million for liability.

There were questions of whether there was a Windsor chair made in Pawlet and a David E Smith manufacturing VT clothes pins. Rose offered to research these items. John will research who painted the Theatre Curtain

Membership -

Judy Coolidge reported 42 memberships sent in so far with more expected and Judy discussed giving Honorary membership to PHS charter members since 1973 such as Lee and Marion McChesney, John Mach, Jr and Bill Clark and to people such as Kellie Waite that snow plows at the Chapel for no cost. It was moved by Sarah and approved

Nominating Committee - continues to look for new Trustee candidates

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Raffle Ticket Sales -

Theresa offered to be at Sheldon's MKT 9-16, Steve and Barbara O'Connor will be at Hick's Orchard and also at Fair Haven Applefest

Newsletter -

The next one will be early in December with possible articles from Ken Major and ones about new Trustees.

Oral Histories -

Steve reported Melissa O'Brien no longer will do them and has moved back to Charlotte. Marlee Mason will consider if she is interested. It was discussed if PHS should buy a video camera Judy will ask Kelly Alhfeld about suitable ones.

Next Events -

Sept 24 Open House at Braintree School (Judy and Marlee)

Oct 12 PHS Trustees Monthly Meeting and Annual Meeting 7pm, Pawlet Library

Oct 19 History of VT Roads and Bridges, Deborah Lee Luskin 7pm Pawlet Town Hall

Submitted by John Malcolm