

**Pawlett Historical Society
Trustees Monthly Meeting
September 13, 2018
Chriss Monroe Chapel**

Present: Rose Smith (presiding), Sarah Rath, Theresa Jones, John Malcolm, Matt Proft, Susan Hosley, Judy Coolidge, Marlee Mason, Keith Mason, Andy Mahurin, Martha Schoenemann

Minutes of PHS Trustee Meeting August 9, 2018: Approved by motion of Sarah and 2nd by Judy

Treasurer's Report:

- Approved by motion of Martha and 2nd by Keith
- Discussion: Chapel propane prepay, North Pawlet Schoolhouse had credit with Haskins, and Linda Welch's donation
- Next year's budget presented, shows some increase for Braintree Schoolhouse and full year of Chapel phone/Internet; possible increase of printing from collection negatives

Collections:

- Sarah reports continued work with help from Sarah Ludlam and with Griswold prints; offered 2 looms to Shelburne Museum and Marshfield School of Weaving; 2 old stoves in NPS shed, of unknown origin, perhaps from Biggart's Tavern next door (formerly John Scott's house, now owned by Perry Brown), to be photographed and advertised online.
- Sarah also reports the collection committee receives an average of one genealogy request a month, requiring considerable time to follow up on.
- 50 people attended another successful PHS Ice Cream Social at the Chapel; thanks to everyone for the exhibit of the postcards, getting the Chapel presentable, and to Sarah for arrangements with Stewarts for the ice cream and set up.
- Martha researched a fundraising possibility for PHS to sell framed enlargement prints of PHS negatives; also an individual has offered to donate a 27" by 23" painting of Pawlet village by artist Marian Hughes (an official appraisal would be required before PHS can accept it for the individual's tax credit on the donation and, if found to be valuable, PHS would need specific insurance for it).

Cemetery Head Stones: Andy reports many need cleaning and repair, especially Revolutionary and Civil War-era veterans' ones in the old part of the cemetery east of the road which is mowed by the Cemetery Association but is not part of the association, according to Keith. Andy suggests springtime to be good time for PHS to coordinate a community event to take brush and water for the cleaning and to look into professional help for broken and tipped over stones.

Farm Project: No activity

Raffle: The drawing will be at our October 18 event; Judy and Theresa offered to sell tickets at the Fair Haven Applefest 9/22 and discussion continued about the Dorset Farmer's Market and Sheldon's Store and other fundraising ideas for the future.

Griswold Display: Discussion about PHS coordination with the Pawlet Library for a suggested hosting of the Display at the upstairs of the Town Hall in May and June of 2019. Topics to be resolved include staffing during display hours, security, climate control, display "walls" and materials and lighting. Matt, present owner with his wife Joy of the Griswold home, offered to be the PHS point person in collaborating with the Library, the VT Folklife Center and Eileen Travell. John offered to present use of Town Hall to the Selectboard.

Facilities:

- Insulated window curtains for both rooms in the Chapel were discussed, and Keith will visit with Myron Waite about them.
- Jeff Kelley looked at the Braintree roof and reported no missing slate, caulked some areas, and screwed down the ridge cap which might have been lifting in the wind and allowing rain to blow into the ceiling. The wet spot will be watched to see if it continues and/or changes. It was noted there are some pieces of slate in the Braintree shed.

Future Events:

- Braintree Open House Sunday October 7, 2-4 pm, with cider and donuts
- VT vs Hollywood, Humanities Council Speaker, Thursday October 18, 7 pm, Pawlet Town Hall, with refreshments
- PHS Annual Meeting and Monthly Trustee Meeting, Thursday November 8, 7 pm, Pawlet Library

Newsletter: Future issue discussed and publicity needs for above events and coordinating with PHS Facebook and Website maintenance with Rhonda Schlangen and Elizabeth Gibson. Andy mentions that Manchester has a regularly changing Instagram link.

Town Hall Marker: John has scheduled to install it in the Green tomorrow with help from Don and Bob Wood and their post hole digger and tractor. Discussion about an "unveiling" event sometime.

Other Business:

- Possible other artifacts in West Pawlet "Academy" school, including old rocking chairs
- Continued discussion with Eileen Travell about set of Rappaport Town photos
- PHS collaborating with Library with their strategic Plan

Submitted by John Malcolm, PHS Secretary

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 4, 2018, 7 pm, Pawlet Library