

Pawlett Historical Society
Minutes of Trustees Monthly Meeting
January 10, 2019
Pawlet Library

Present: Barry Meinerth, Rose Smith, John Malcolm, Sarah Rath, Keith Mason, Marlee Mason, Theresa Jones, Judy Coolidge, Steve Williams, Martha Schoenemann

Minutes of December 13, 2018 Monthly Meeting: Approved on motion of Rose and 2nd by Martha

Treasurer's Report: Approved on motion of Judy and 2nd by Keith

President's Report: Barry distributed copies of PHS Officers and Board responsibilities, discussed need to update signatories on PHS accounts, and PHS payment to Town Hall Renovation for ceiling auditorium repair. Martha brought up the need for PHS to maintain documentation of our contributions to the renovation. Barry also reported the PHS funding request for Town Meeting has been placed, as well as the PHS report for the Pawlet Town Report.

Collection: Next items for cataloging will be clothing in good condition that eventually will be archived at Chapel after rewrapping with acid-free paper. More items from Griswold family have been discovered. A need for someone to be able to list on eBay items of PHS that are duplicates or have no connection to Pawlet. Marlee will monitor Visiting Nurse reuse of cubical dividers that may be suitable for PHS display use.

Facilities: All seem OK at the moment. Braintree SchoolHouse roof is being monitored for leak and Chapel archive and bathroom window storm windows worked out well.

Farm Project: Committee will meet this month to discuss future progress.

Up Home Project: No report available

Newsletter and Website: Sarah reports that she will look for someone to replace Elizabeth Gibson who will retire from helping PHS maintain the Website and formatting the Newsletter. Possible candidates were discussed as well as possible Newsletter articles.

Events and Programs: Trustees were encouraged to think of programs for this year and to check on the VT Humanities Council speakers catalog.

Cemetery Lot Mapping Updating and Stone Repair and Cleaning: In reponse to the Neubohn's proposal, there was discussion about this topic. Keith stated the cemetery associations of Pawlet and Northeast and that of West Pawlet have started discussions also. The Civil War cemetery is not part of the Mettowee Valley association although it is mowed by them but

needs more maintenance. Other smaller cemeteries in Pawlet include the old Hulett on Kelley Hill, Nelsonville on Rt153 West Pawlet, and the one behind Val and Frank Woodruff's house on RT 149. Debby Mars with West Pawlet has started contacting the VT Old Cemetery Association investigating possible grants. It was also asked about contacting a Civil War cemetery association for ideas. Some funeral homes have cleaning programs for hire also.

Other Business: Judy will talk with Joe Capron of Wells about a slate sign at the Chapel for the Susanne Rappaport Archival Room and catch up with Eileen Travell about articles in the West Pawlet school ("Academy") and about Neil Rappaport's photos of the town. Still need to have a flexiglass over the blackboard at Braintree.

Next Meeting: February 14, 2019, 7 PM, Pawlet Library

Submitted by PHS Secretary John Malcolm