

Pawlett Historical Society
Minutes, Trustees Monthly Meeting
April 11, 2019
Pawlet Library

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

Minutes of Trustees Meeting, March 14, 2019: Approved on motion of Keith and 2nd by Rose

Treasurer's Report: Accepted on motion of Keith and 2nd by Sarah. Rose noted that donations from the appeal letter in 2018 were greater than 2017 due to a large, individual contribution but otherwise maintained a similar level.

Collection Committee: Sarah reported on and presented several new postcards and prints of postcards acquired in addition to some articles from the Library, including a copy of the Woman's Day magazine article that featured photos of children of Rupert Mountain road above Skip and Laney Clark's farm on their way to school at a young age and at the same location many years later. An old "autograph/note book" was also acquired from the Library.

The committee has completed cataloging the textiles in the collection and plans were made to move them to the Chapel, along with some bulkier items to free up room in the North Pawlet School. Saturday, May 4 was selected as a moving day from NPS at 9 am, with several vehicles needed as well as one pickup truck.

Farm Project - John reported that college student Sam Anglum is very interested in the project, and he expects to return to Vermont by the middle of May.

Bingo Fundraiser at Wells Modern Woodmen's Hall - Barry reported PHS has been scheduled for 2 dates in May. Marlee and Judy offered to help on Thurs Evening May 23, 5:30 (?) to 9 pm, and Barry and Gerald Mason (Marlee will ask him) are on for Sunday, May 26, 10 am to 3 pm.

Cemetery - Digitizing records and grounds and stone renovation/cleaning will be discussed after the Association's May meeting.

Furniture Raffle - It was discussed in light of lesser activity and income and the possibility and need for help with the Up Home event, PHS would reduce our raffle to a smaller item and sell tickets only at our own events. Barry will discuss with Ray of some possibilities if he continues to be interested.

Newsletter: The 3rd week of June is the target date for the next issue. Sue Hosley and Sarah will meet with Elizabeth Gibson to transition from her to Sue for the formatting and producing and printing with Express Copy in Manchester.

Facilities: Barry offered to check the status of ceiling leaks at the Braintree Schoolhouse and will contact Jeff Kelley if any repairs are needed. Keith will check on window treatments for the large room in the Chapel and will ask Gerald Mason of his plans for mowing the school house lawns this year.

Programs and Events:

Thursday, April 25, Howard Coffin at the Pawlet Town Hall, 7 pm - Martha is the contact person with Howard, will borrow a white board from Mettawee, need markers. John will set up and place sign on RT 30 bridge, and bring from the Chapel the podium and the well-charged microphone, and donation box and PHS membership forms. Need refreshments, cups, cider, juice, water, tablecloth, garbage bag, and napkins.

Saturday, June 8, Tag and Bake Sale, Pawlet Fire House

Tasks to be done:

- Marlee will contact Dan Williams for taking the unsold items
- Barry will find someone to organize the bake sale (Sue DiChiara?) and procure items
- Theresa will contact Fran Powers about any Firehouse conflicts with their lot paving, and will do the ads and promotion
- Need people for Friday June 7 setup, transport, and pricing, and cashiering the 8th

Up Home Exhibit

- Wednesday – Friday, June 19-21, setup in Town Hall
- Saturday – Sunday, June 22-23, Opening Weekend, 10-3 pm
- First Week, June 24-28, 2-4 pm
- Sat July 6 (time?), Eileen Travell Presentation
- Next five weekends through July 27-28
- Other tie-in events with the Griswold home and family members TBA
- Promotion by Theresa and Matt, sales PHS merchandise, staffing exhibit hours

Sunday, August 18, Ice Cream Social and Farmer Forum at the Chapel, 2-4 pm

Sunday, September 15, Braintree One Room School Open House and Exhibits, 2-4 pm

Thursday, October 17, Speaker TBA, 7 pm, Pawlet Town Hall

Next Trustee Monthly Meeting, Thursday, May 9, 7 pm, Chriss Monroe Chapel

Submitted by PHS Secretary John Malcolm