

Pawlett Historical Society Minutes
Trustees Monthly Meeting
May 9, 2019
Chriss Monroe Chapel

Present: Steve Williams (presiding), Rose Smith, Sarah Rath, Theresa Jones, John Malcolm, Keith Mason, Martha Schoenemann, Matt Proft
Guests: Tom and Jane Ryan from Danby

Steve introduced the Ryans, interested guests from Danby

Minutes of April 11, 2019 Trustee Meeting: Approved on motion of Sarah and 2nd by Martha

Treasurers' Report: Accepted on motion of Keith and 2nd by Rose

Collection Committee:

- Thank you from the committee for help with the moving of items from the North Pawlet School to the Chapel on May 4.
- Committee is searching for any items pertaining to the local Granges for a Library event in the summer.
- Martha reported on research and conversations she had with West Pawlet resident Kim Gaschel pertaining to her house's history and significance on Route 153.

Cemeteries: Discussion about priorities of stone and area maintenance, especially the old east portion where there are several tipped over stones, many soft marble stones which weather faster than granite ones and dips due to lack of vaults. Cemetery Association mows the old part but does not maintain it otherwise. Association May meeting is scheduled in next few weeks.

Up Home Exhibit: Matt reported on progress with the plans. Eileen Travell will speak on July 6 and may be accompanied with some of the Griswold family. Discussion about promotion of the event with Theresa in the VT New Guide, Granville Papers, WCAX-TV, the Banner on the Mach building, PHS Facebook(Rhonda S), Pawlet E-News(E. Gibson), Town Clerk Facebook. The News Guide is struggling and PHS passed a motion to support the Guide's work for the communities with a membership of \$60. A signup list was passed around for staffing the Exhibit, and the Ryans also offered their help, too.

Newsletter: Sarah reported that Elizabeth Gibson and Sue Hosley will soon get together to transition to Sue taking over the formatting of the Newsletter from Elizabeth and maintaining the PHS website. Items for the next issue would be the Up Home exhibit, summer PHS events, articles by Bill Clark and Ken Major.

Facilities:

- Pleased to hear that the Braintree School House roof does not appear to be leaking; moisture apparently resulted from drifting snow.

- Keith will measure the Chapel windows for blinds in the larger room and a weather strip for the door. The plaque honoring Susanne Rappoport will be installed soon on the Chapel Archive Room door. Joe Capron of Wells did a nice job creating the slate plaque.
- Rose Smith generously offered her family as lawnmowers of the nearby Braintree school lawn. The Board also authorized Keith to discuss mowing the North Pawlet school lawn with neighbor Ryan Mullen on a motion of Rose and 2nd by Theresa. Thanks again to Gerald Mason for his lawnmowing in previous years.

Modern Woodman Bingo: This year's PHS scheduled fundraising/work dates are Thurs pm May 23 (Theresa & Marlee) and Sun am May 26 (Barry & Judy)

Farm Project: John reported that Sam Anglum is interested in helping with the project and will be back in VT sometime in the middle of May

Tag and Bake Sale:

- Dan Williams was contacted by Marlee Mason and will once again take the leftover items.
- Firehouse date is OK and will not conflict with May 20 schedule of paving the driveway
- John and Steve will set up tables Friday June 7 at 8.30 am and John offered to truck any items that morning and set up the sandwich signs
- Theresa will do promotion in the News Guide
- Rose will email for baked goods also Marlee and Doreen Mach
- Accepting and Pricing items on Friday by Sarah and Theresa and invite Barbara O'Connor to help.
- There will not be any Raffle this year due to Up Home timetable and Ray Finan's decline to donate a work this year

Other Events:

- Sunday, August 18, 2-4 PM at Chapel, Ice Cream Social - Sarah will order through Stewarts
- Sunday Sept 8 or 15 ?? Braintree School Open House - Judy and will also invite Abbe and Andy Mahurin to be our teachers again
- October 17, Thursday, TBD

Howard Coffin presentation was well attended by close to 70 people, and he has completed a new presentation on the Civil War for possibly next year

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 13, 7 PM, Chriss Monroe Chapel

Submitted by PHS Secretary John Malcolm