

Pawlett Historical Society
Minutes, Trustee Monthly Meeting
August 8, 2019
Chriss Monroe Chapel

Present: Barry Meinerth, Rose Smith, Sarah Rath, Steve Williams, Sue Hosley, Theresa Jones, Andy Mahurin, Marlee Mason, John Malcolm, Martha Schoenemann.

Guests: Monica Kravitt, Hallie Boyce

Minutes of July 11, 2019 Trustee Monthly Meeting: approved by motion of Rose and 2nd by Sarah.

Guests: Meeting guests Monica and Hallie each proposed possible historical plaques for the town. Monica has researched Pawlet's involvement in the Revolutionary War mobilization in 1777 of 2000 area soldiers against British Gen Burgoyne's forces citing a book by author Wren and historical records in Montpelier of the "Pawlet Expedition" and proposes a plaque to commemorate it. She has contacted the VT state Historical officer, Laura Trishman, and Michelle Bailey of the VT Arts Council for possible grant funds. Barry stated PHS and the Town need to collaborate in the effort, and Martha offers to help continue the effort adding the plaque on the rock on the lawn of the North Pawlet School which recognizes the "Trail."

Hallie, employed at Consider Bardwell Farm in West Pawlet, proposes a plaque to recognize Consider Bardwell as an entrepreneur, founder of the first VT cheese cooperative, and a tool maker for local industries. She has contacted Rep Robin Chestnut-Tangerman for sponsorship of a plaque. The PHS Board is favorable to the effort and Barry will offer info to Hallie about the process involved.

Treasurer's Report: Accepted by motion of Sue and 2nd by Andy. Other financial issues were approval of a fuel pre-buy for the North Pawlet School on motion by Marlee and 2nd by Sarah, at \$1.69 per gallon for 300 gallons through Haskins Gas. The Chapel fuel was previously contracted with Blue Flame, and Marlee will ask James Andrus if he can snowplow at the Chapel for fuel deliveries since Waite's is now longer available. PHS appreciates very much the lawnmowing this past year at the North Pawlet School by neighbor Adam Vanderminden and at the Braintree School by the Smith family.

In budget discussion, PHS needs a focus for our annual appeal letter.

Collection Committee: Sarah reported they are continuing organizing the glass plate negatives and CDs at the North Pawlet School.

Facilities: The ceiling staining at Braintree will be treated by Greg Colm in next year's budget

Farm Project: Sarah reported that Thaddeus Gibson has accepted to do the oral histories at \$75 per interview and can start in the middle of September

Website: Sue will be in contact with Elizabeth Gibson to take over managing the PHS Website in the next weeks

Newsletter: Looking for an issue prior to the October program

Programs and Events:

August 18, Sunday, Ice Cream Social and Farm Program at Chapel 2-4 PM. Chapel cleanup on 8/13 at 6 PM

September 8, Sunday, Open Schoolhouse at Braintree School, 2-4 PM

October program, to be announced

Other Business: Barry reported that Ken Major and his wife will try to be active in the PHS as they fit into new jobs at the VA and Syracuse University

Next Monthly Meeting: Thursday, September 12, 7 PM at the Pawlet Public Library

Submitted by John Malcolm, PHS Secretary