

Pawlett Historical Society Minutes
Trustee Monthly Meeting
October 10, 2019
Pawlet Library

Present: Rose Smith (presiding), Steve Williams, Susan Hosley, John Malcolm, Marlee Mason, Keith Mason, Theresa Jones. Martha Schoenemann

Minutes of Trustee Monthly Meeting of September 12, 2019: Approved on motion of Susan and 2nd by Theresa

Treasurer's Report: Accepted on motion of Keith and 2nd by Marlee. Rose noted we have received the appropriation from the Town of Pawlet and that receipts from membership dues are ahead of 2018

Collection Committee: Martha reported PHS had received several articles from Debby Nelson Mars from the Nelson family farm of West Pawlet

Farm Project: Martha reported Thaddeus Gibson and Sarah Rath had a productive interview with Debby Mars about the Nelson family farm in West Pawlet and the area of Bauer and Heatherington Roads

Facilities: Rose reported she will contact Greg Holm about the ceiling in the Braintree School. The condition of the double doors at the Chapel was discussed since they are already showing some deterioration, although minor at the present. One remedy would be building a small overhang to keep water away. Keith stated he will talk with Myron Waite about it in conjunction with future Chapel roof plans. Keith also reported discussions he had with James Andrus, Jr. about snowplowing this winter at the Chapel and that Blue Flame fuel needs to give notice ahead of expected delivery of propane. The status of the Revolutionary War Monument at the North Pawlet School was discussed. Keith remarked it is a big item and needs a new base for the stone and plaque to set in if it was moved. A crane/lift would be necessary along with the skill of monument professionals to move it..

Cemetery Proposal: Shea Funeral Home in Bennington has sent a preliminary proposal to the PHS for renovating the cemetery stones and grounds in the old cemetery across the road as well as for some in the Mettowee cemetery. It was suggested to also contact Hicks Memorials of Granville to see if they had an interest.

Website: Susan Hosley has taken over responsibility for the PHS Website and the PHS Newsletter from Elizabeth Gibson. Many Thanks to Elizabeth for her time and skill the past years and Thanks to Susan for her commitment to continuing the work. Susan will also contact Rhonda Schlangen about the PHS Facebook site.

Events:

- Thurs Oct 17 at Pawlet Town Hall 7 pm Howard Coffin presentation about Vermont Women and the Civil War. Organization for hall set up, refreshments, and final publicity.
- Sat Nov 2 at Pawlet Library 9 am PHS Appeal Letter preparation/envelope stuffing

- Thurs Nov 14 Pawlet Library 7 pm PHS Annual Meeting, with Monthly Trustee Meeting following

NEXT TRUSTEE MONTHLY MEETING: Thursday, November 14, 7 PM at the Library

Submitted by John Malcolm, PHS Secretary