

**Pawlett Historical Society
Minutes of Trustee Monthly Meeting
September 9, 2021 via Zoom**

Present: Barry Meinerth, Rose Smith, Sarah Rath, Judy Coolidge, Steve Williams, John Malcolm, Theresa Jones, Sue Hosley, Abbie Mahurin, Martha Schoenemann, Rhonda Schlangen

Rhonda was welcomed back to the Board of Trustees

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Three changes were suggested. The date for the ice cream social was corrected to Sunday August 25; the collection committee report was corrected to read "... Ludlam continues cataloging ..."; and the spelling of the artist was corrected to read Ric Kasini Kadour. The minutes were then approved with the three changes by a motion of Rose and a 2nd by Judy.

Treasurer's Report

Rose presented the report earlier via email and added PHS has adequate cash on hand for present needs. The appeal letter and the envelopes and labels are ready for stuffing with personalized comments September 25 at the Pawlet Library. The report was accepted on a motion by Martha and a 2nd by Steve.

Farm Project

No new update was presented.

Collections

It was reported that Platt Herrick offered a letter with a list of Pawlet industries over the years. Also the collection committee receives several requests a month for genealogy and house histories. Abbie and Rhonda offered to help replying to those requests.

There was discussion about the Art and Local History project proposed by Ric Kasini Kadour involving many local historical societies. Martha asked if the project aligns with the PHS Mission Statement and whether we have the time available to commit to it and if we have any control over the product. Barry and Rose offered to have a zoom meeting with R Kadour and possibly continue the discussion at our appeal letter day September 25 before PHS makes a commitment.

MWA Bingo

There was discussion about PHS volunteers' Covid risk at the Bingo Hall where masks are not mandated. Judy offered to contact the Wells's Modern Woodmen officials to discuss PHS participation in such a situation.

Old Cemeteries

Barry reported that Tom Griffin is booking cemetery renovation days already for 2022 and proposed PHS get on his schedule for continued work at the Old Cemetery and possibly on the other old cemeteries in Town such as Mountain View, Nelsonville, and RT 149 (behind Woodruff's house) all in West Pawlet. Saturday Sept 17, 2022 was proposed as a good date for next year.

There was follow up discussion of the ice cream social and presentation by Mike Barbieri and videos of the event by Rose and by Monica Kravitt that could be on You Tube if PHS had a channel.

Newsletter

The timetable and content for the next Newsletter were discussed and to coordinate with the appeal letter. Articles could include one from Ken Major, a reprint of a 6th Grade essay, and before - and - after photos of the Old Cemetery renovation. loosa.

Braintree School Open House

Next PHS Event is Sunday October 3 at 1:15 to 3:00 pm at the Schoolhouse at the intersection of RT 153 and Warren Switch Road in West Pawlet. It will be mostly outdoors and Theresa will do publicity in the media and the Mettowee school newsletter, Judy will prepare the building, Rose will bring the refreshments and necessities and Abbie will once again return as our legendary and beloved school marm!

Other Business

Martha brought up three items of interest, First was the monument across from Mach's Market that honors World War 1 enlistees. The bronze needs carefull cleaning and Barry offered to research the proper manner to handle the task. Second, Martha visited with Kim Mason, whose family now owns the old one room schoolhouse just east of the intersection of RT 133 and the road to Danby. The school house has many wonderfull articles inside and Ms Mason appreciates the history and welcomes PHS help in preserving it. Third, Martha's third item which was an expansive list of research topics for commemorating local aspects of the Declaration of Independance and the Revolutionary War.

Next Trustee Meeting: THURSDAY EVENING OCTOBER 14 time and place TBD

Submitted by PHS acting Secretary John Malcolm