

**Pawlett Historical Society  
Minutes  
Trustee Monthly Meeting  
February 10, 2022**

**Present** via Zoom: Rose Smith, Sarah Rath, Judy Coolidge, Barry Meinerth, Steve Williams, Martha Schoenemann, Susan Hosley, Rhonda Schlangen, Theresa Jones, Abbie Mahurin, John Malcolm. Also visiting from River Road, West Pawlet, Sue Wright

**Minutes-January 13, 2022 Trustee Meeting**

The minutes were approved on a motion by Rhonda and a 2nd by Martha

**Treasurer's Report**

Judy presented the monthly PHS financial figures and reported that last month's action to move \$7500 from Citizen's checking to Fidelity was delayed so to cover some expenses. A substitute motion by Steve and 2nd by Rhonda was approved to transfer \$4000 instead.

There was discussion about the use of the generous unrestricted gift to the Society from the Anna Jones Estate of \$5000. Rhonda suggests that discussion continue about it.

Judy also reported the PHS appeal letter that was sent out in October 2021 has resulted in donations totaling \$8100, a very supportive sum for the PHS

Barry made the motion to accept the Treasurer's report with a 2nd by Rhonda and it was approved.

**Farm Project**

Sarah presented Ashley Maynes' report of her activities of interviews, transcribing and researching Rutland Herald articles about Pawlet. Sarah suggested Ashley prioritize the 18 or so interviews still needing to be done from the original list of 34. It was also discussed about using transcribing service programs that can be helpful, Sarah will contact Ashley.

**Collections**

Sarah and Martha reported their recent work of archiving the history and data of the PHS and the acquisitions of a soapstone warmer from Robert Young and a honey bucket originating from Roger Coombs. Martha reported about discussions with the Pawlet Zoning Administrator about changing the signage at the North Pawlet School and any permit necessary.

Discussion also continued about reprinting PHS books including the cost, the number of copies and availability of publishers presently in business. It was suggested the VT Historical Society may be helpful with that research.

**Nominations**

Discussion about filling vacant PHS Trustee positions continued.

**Newsletter**

The next issue is ready for mailing and Rhonda has offered, with Susan's help, to take on as editor from Sarah. Thanks so much, Sarah, for so many fine, and enjoyable issues.

**Events**

Future PHS events was the topic of much discussion, including celebrating PHS's 50th Anniversary in August 2023, and USA 250th Anniversary in 2026.

Also events such as an exhibit of the many textiles in PHS's collection, a speaker for this May and for July ice cream social and a local speaker for October such as Gene Higgins from Rupert. Sarah offered to contact Gene and others will review the VT Humanities Council speaker bureau on their website for possibilities.

**Other Business**

Matt Proft has offered to clean bronze monuments and Rhonda suggests PHS research the Native American history of the Pawlet area.

**Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned on motion by Barry and 2nd by Abbie

Next Trustee Board Meeting

THURSDAY MARCH 10, 2022 at 6:30, tbd via zoom, hybrid, or in person

Submitted by PHS Secretary John Malcolm