

Wilmot Historical Society
Minutes of Meeting of Oct. 27, 2008

The WHS Board met on Monday, Oct. 27, in the library with Marc Davis, Fred Ogmundson, Janet Howe, Liz Kirby, Lindy Heim, Esther Grace & Julie Morse present.

Minutes of Oct. 27 meeting were approved as submitted.

Filming program: Janet learned from Marie Pacetta that the cost of filming would be \$250 for a 28-minute CD of the presentation. Marie felt we would be able to find a sponsor to pay the cost. The Board decided that one of the purposes of filming the program is to have a record of all the stories, so we would want more than 28 minutes. Marc had researched costs for camcorders and suggested we consider products in the range of \$500 to \$1,000. He asked what we're trying to accomplish with a camcorder (oral histories, recording programs, documenting our collection, all of the above?) and who would volunteer to reach those goals. It was decided to wait until after the annual meeting to study this further. In the meanwhile, Marc will talk with Mary Gutgsell about how the parade and play for the Bicentennial were filmed; Lindy will talk with Kate McKibben whose son has done some recording. It was suggested we check with Flash Photo about equipment. Charley Freiberg's name was mentioned as a resource as well. Other area historical societies may be able to advise us also. A sub-committee to research all this should be formed next year.

Publicity: Lindy has done a great job publicizing our program. She'll appear on TV Thursday and will put a poster at the dump.

Treasurer: Julie reported on her progress in looking into a local bank where we can transfer the money from our CD. She will contact Don Novak whose signature is on the present account to withdraw the money. She has interest rates and information from Lake Sunapee Bank and will continue to try to contact Mascoma. She will also find out if either bank will help access the money in our now inactive account. She will resolve this problem by the 16th's meeting.

Motion was made, seconded, and approved to authorize the Treasurer to decide which of the banks (Lake Sunapee or Mascoma) we will use and to deposit \$15,000 in a long-term CD and \$5,000 in a shorter-term CD.

By-laws: Marc has created the handout for the meeting showing the present wording of the by-laws and the proposed changes to the wording. Janet will make 25 copies for the meeting. She'll forward Marc's document to the Board.

Nov. 1 workshop: Marc and Liz plan to attend.

Nov. 16 program:

Story-tellers: Fred has contacted 10 or more people, most of whom have agreed to tell a story. Mary Jane will emcee the program.

Set-up: Anyone who can, should be at the Town Hall around noon to set up. Food will be set up along the north wall. Lindy will check with Barbara Sanborn to see if she'll be in charge of the food.*** Janet will bring the rocking chair from the church, and Fred will bring a pot-bellied stove and try to get Walter Walker's nail keg (cracker barrel). Benches will be set up in a circle around the 'cracker barrel'.

Artifacts display: Marc and Janet will sort out what should be brought over from the historical room. Fred will bring some of Mac Campbell's treasures. Marc will bring the quilt. Janet will call Charlotte Clarke to invite her to come to the meeting.

Agenda items: Marc distributed a proposed agenda which he'll rearrange somewhat. It was agreed to have Marc mention opportunities for volunteering for the upcoming year, particularly focusing on renewed preservation and cataloguing efforts. There'll be a sign-up sheet for anyone interested in working on this.

Hand-outs: Nola Aldrich has copies of the soldiers' monument hand-out. Janet will make copies of the agenda, the by-laws changes, and membership forms. Marc will have a couple of copies of the current by-laws for reference if needed.

Future meetings: Marc wants to be able to announce dates for our next couple of meetings, so it was decided to have our next general meeting and program on Sunday, Feb. 8, and another one on Sunday, May 3. We may try to get a NH Humanities Council program for the May meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Howe, Secretary

***After the meeting, Lindy spoke with Barbara who does not want to coordinate the food. She has decorations, etc., that she'll pass along to Lindy. Everyone is asked to make some finger food for the program (nothing that requires a plate, please). Janet will find someone to coordinate it and prepare the table.

Janet Howe