

Wilmot Historical Society
Minutes of Meeting held on May 5, 2014
Town Offices at 1 p.m.

Present: Nola Aldrich, Marc Davis, Lindy Heim, Mary Fanelli, Sue Finney, and Julie Morse.

Secretary's report - accepted as amended.

Treasurer's report

Checking Account: \$5358.95
Memorial Checking: 5,580.92
Certificates of Deposit #1: \$20,935.85; #2: \$10,004.85
Expenses for April: \$155.00
Expenses to date: \$1,500.84
Member Count: 84 (\$420 in dues)
Donations to date through membership: \$730

Mary made sure that the board knows that only membership payments that include donations are being acknowledged with a letter.

Membership – 84 members are listed on our website to date, Mary will bring an updated list to the May 18 event so folks can check their status.

New Business

Lindy passed around a sheet for board members to sign up if they wish for a slot in the history room schedule this summer and to work in the curiosity shop.

The board discussed the idea of having education displays in the glass cases in the history room. Mary suggested that we might put some new acquisitions in there and publicize it. The case should be kept lively and interesting, especially for summer visitors.

Marc spoke to the Barnard Grant regarding digitizing costs. We have not used up last year's grant, so we are waiting until we have an accounting for Eleanor Angoff before asking for any more money next March.

Curiosity Shop will be open from the first of July to the end of August this year, a few weeks less than in other years.

Preservation and Acquisition

Marc has the William Thompson diaries that are on loan from Charles Thompson. He showed them to the board and there was some discussion as to how to go about digitizing them. He and Mary and Judy will do more research on reliable digitizing companies who do archival work. Mary proposed that diary scanning be sent out due to the time involved in scanning 6 or 7 books, the difficulty in handling them and the fact that we have the funds on hand. It was noted that the digitizing done by Golden Images

was very acceptable and the transport and care of the Bean diaries was also very acceptable. However, since Chuck wants these diaries returned to him, we want to be extra careful into whose hands we place them for digitizing.

Lindy showed us the Isaac B. Youngman diaries that were given to us by Margaret Campbell. She was careful to note that all the acquisition paperwork was in order and placed with the diaries, which will be housed in the history room for now in the Campbell trunk. They will also be digitized.

Lindy floated the idea of self-publishing a phone directory for town residents like the 1990's one the library offered and is still useful. Nola suggested we ask permission and info from residents at polling time. If this seems like a good idea, should it be offered as a public service for a couple of bucks to cover the costs or as a fundraiser?

Program for May 18

Neither Janet nor Fred, who make up the program committee, will be able to be on hand for Steve Taylor's program "One-Room Rural Schools" on May 18 in the Town Hall. So arrangements will need to be made to fill the leadership gap. Members of the board will be asked for help. Lindy will check the Point Person List she uses for event planning for any items that need attention before the program.

Refreshments were organized and Nola will provide tablecloths, cups, Mary will get napkins and ask Rosanna if she will email an announcement about the program to her list serve.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Fanelli for Judy Hauck

**Next meeting will be in the History Room at 1 p.m. Monday, June 2, 2014
Please bring your personal calendars so that you can sign up as a docent in the
History Room at least 2 times between June 28 and September 27. Thanks!**