

Wilmot Historical Society
Monday, February 20, 2012
History Room – 10 am.

Marc Davis called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Present were: Marc Davis, president, Mary Fanelli, co-secretary, and Janet Howe and Nola Aldrich, board members. Julie Morse, treasurer arrived at 11:20 after a previously scheduled appt.

Secretary's Report

Minutes from the January 9, 2012 meeting were accepted as distributed.

Treasurer's Report

Checkbook balance 2/18/12 - \$6,853.28

CD balance 2/18/12 - \$20,766.06

Interest January - \$10.58

Maturity date 7/18/12

February 12th Program

Income:

Books \$15.00

Dues \$190.00

Donations \$490.00

Donald Hall CD \$45.00

Disbursements:

WCA rent \$100.00

Please note:

Next Board Meeting

Monday, March 12, 10 a.m.

History Room at Town Office

Old Business:

Vaudeville Program

After some discussion, it was decided that, because there is no intermission in this program:

1) We will serve refreshments before the program as well as after.

2) In the advertising we will say "doors open at 7:00 pm." Show at 7:30 pm. This will give people time to have a snack/drink, get their seats, and enjoy talking with their neighbors before the performance.

Lindy has offered to do a program with business-size ads and the board accepts her offer. It was suggested that \$20 per business card ad would be a fair price and if we have 8 of them, it will probably cover the cost of printing the program.

In order to keep a count of how many people have attended the performance it was suggested that we do a raffle (prize to be decided) so that each person who comes in, including children, would get a ticket. We will ask Wally to pull the raffle ticket(s) before she does her finale. Mary to check the capacity of the hall.

Job Descriptions for the Board

Janet has agreed to look through the by-laws to see if there is anything specific. She will come up with a draft of job descriptions with what she finds in that document.

Web Site

A design for the WHS Web site was shown to those at the meeting and can be found at: <http://www.hibernianweather.net/Wilmot/WHShome.html>. The design generated discussion on whether or not we want to put our minutes up on the Web site. We will be looking for suggestions regarding the Web site so that the design may be completed and “go live” as soon as possible.

Donald Hall CD

We have only two more CDs left (that we know of) and there are been requests for more. With the latest publication of his essays and the interview on NPR, the board thought that, if we can have small batches made up, we should order about 40 more. Mary will email Lindy about this.

History Books

Julie sold “Look to the Mountain” books last summer, which belong to the Town History Committee. She questioned whether we should keep selling them if we are not making a profit from them. Rhonda has been selling the Florence Langley books, and we have more of Cap LeVarn’s books. Rhonda will get them from the attic in the Town Hall and continue to see the WHS books for us at the town office. The question was posed whether we should offer to buy the History Committee’s book. No action was taken.

New Business/Action Items:

February Program logistics critique

- 1) Because of the congestion at the small serving area in the WLC barn, it was suggested that, no matter where we have our events, a refreshment table should be set up in an area that will serve several people at once. The small serving window at the WCA is rather small. In the WCA it should probably be on the west side of the hall against the wall.
- 2) Membership table: should be to the left or right of the entrance (not in front). At the WCA it should be in the entrance hall.
- 3) Donation basket: a basket will be put at both the membership and refreshment tables.
- 4) Name tags should be worn by WHS board members in order to be easily identified at functions. Mary and Judy will take care of making them.
- 5) When events are at the WCA, the performance area would be best on the long north wall. The light coming in from the east wall hampers photography and is sometimes bothersome to the audience. When possible, there should be center seating with aisles on either side, and side seating.
- 6) Assessment of PR efforts: A list will be made of the places where we have advertised each event and other types of advertising such as posters, email, etc. Whether by a show of hands from the audience, or asking them as they come in, it is thought that it would be good to find out how people heard about the event they are attending.

DVD of The Old Plow

The performance on February 12th was such a hit that Judy Hauck thought we should have the Good Old Plow make a CD to preserve some of these wonderful old songs. After some discussion on this item,

Janet mentioned that members of The Old Plow were thinking of making a CD themselves. Will Ogmundson has recording equipment. The board would like Judy to follow up on this with Fred to see what is planned and if the WHS can support the project in any way.

Collection: Archives/priorities/guidelines

Marc spoke with Kelli Bogan, archival specialist at Colby-Sawyer. She is willing to meet with us and explain her system of archiving. Marc asked if anyone wished to join him, Mary, and Judy when they meet with Kelli, hopefully before the next meeting in March. Anyone interested, please contact Marc.

Info about donors for online database

Mary and Judy needed guidance on whether or not to put background information in the database about the donors of items in the collection, especially if the donors were of historical interest. The general consensus was that would probably be fine. The example given was Florence Langley who had made many donations.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:05 pm.

Calendar of Events

- WHS meeting Monday, March 12th at 10 a.m.
- Vaudeville Show, Saturday, May 5th 7 pm (doors open) 7:30 performance
- Tour of Town Meeting Houses, Saturday, August 11th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Wilmot Town Wide Yard Sale, Saturday, August 18th ?????? Need to check on this
- Wilmot Old Home Day, Sunday, August 19th: Service at North Wilmot Church; program at Town Hall – ‘Old Man in the Mountain – Show and Tell.’ Curiosity Shop will participate.