

Wilmot Historical Society
Minutes of Meeting
August 29, 2016
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Present: Marc Davis, Lindy Heim, Nola Aldrich, Julie Morse, Fred Ogmundson, Judy Hauck

Secretary's Report:

Minutes of the July 11th meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

In the Treasurer's absence, this report was tabled

New Business

- **Possible February program** Nola introduced Steve Gasiorowski and Jim Sindelar, who are members of the 12th NHV Regiment Serenade Band (12thnhserenadeband.org) which organization preserves Civil War instruments and plays its band music. They brought with them an 1879 poster advertising a performance by a Wilmot Civil War cornet band, as well as an antique cornet. There is a photograph of this band in Walter Walker's book, and the two visiting band members are interested in finding out more of the history of this band. The possibility of basing a program on these Civil War Serenade Bands on the Second Sunday in February was discussed.
- **Boston Cane recipient, Gerald Biron**
Gerald Biron now no longer lives in Wilmot, and will not be returning, according to his son. It was moved and approved that after Jan. 1 we will begin the search for a new recipient.
- **Damaged pop-up tent**
Lindy will find a person to repair the tent now languishing in the shed, and get an estimate of the cost.
- **Old Home Day**
There was very sparse attendance at this event, whether due to the weekend or the weather or general lack of interest. The whole event needs to be re-thought. Nola is burnt out and suggests that we either hand the event back to the town, or possibly merge planning and implementation with the WCA, change the date, or do it during the Farmers' Market ?

Curiosity Shop

The last Curiosity Shop was held on the Saturday preceding this meeting, and raised \$691.00. New Wilmot resident Jay Aubertin purchased the butcher block and oak bureau, and Lindy estimated that the shop raised around \$3000.00 this summer!

Preservation and Acquisition

Pat Baker has donated several of her grandmother's and grandfather's autograph books from 1880-1890, and all donation forms have been completed.

Karen Phelps Hanson, a descendant of Wilmot residents who owned the Phelps-Currier store in Andover, has donated a 1900 ledger from the Wilmot Center Store.

Walter Walker has donated a group of 1841-1898 letters from several people who left Wilmot for Ohio and Iowa.

November 6 Program - The Wilmot One-Room School Reunion

Fred Ogmundsen will moderate this 1-1½ hour program and recruit five or six people. He will base his introduction on the Florence Langley book. Liz and Mary will also help in recruiting people: some suggested speakers were Liz, Charlie Thompson, Marnie Eaton, Pat and Frank Baker, Jim and Judy Rayno, Loretta Rayno and Dave Lorden.

The Board also raised the possibility of hosting another reunion at a later time.

In preparation for the coming event:

- Julie and Lindy will collect items from the collection that pertain to the one-room schoolhouses, and
- Lindy and Judy will practice using the movie recorder.
- Marc and Mary will prepare a slide show based on Walter Walker's and Florence Langley's photographs, and
- Lindy will attempt to insert a notice in the Soo Nipi magazine with the program's title, date, time and a description of the program.

Next Meeting

Monday, Oct 3

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Hauck, secretary