

WHS Board of Directors Meeting July 12, 2018

Board members present: Liz Kirby, Lindy Heim, Judy Hauck, Julie Morse, Nancy Bates, Catherine Stearns, Nola Aldrich, Sue Finney, Mary Fanelli

CALL TO ORDER

Liz called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM

SECRETARY Minutes for the June 14 Meeting: moved and accepted: with changes.

TREASURER Moved and accepted: Treasurer's report.

Treasurer's Report

Bar Harbor Bank

Checking account	\$14,402.49
Building CD	\$21,140.00
Working DC	\$10,133.24
Veterans Memorial Fund	2,711.72

Income:

Dues: to date: \$590

Donations: total to date: \$3,275

Membership: 119

Expenses:

Intertown record ad	\$61.20
Food for Workshop	\$29.00
Farmers Market	\$100.00 (not yet cashed. Permission granted for Mary to issue another check)

Total expenses from Nov 1 \$6843.83

OLD BUSINESS

New Board Members

Nola Nominated Jeff Gill to become a new Board Member. Discussion following nomination suggested that he is very busy, but should be invited to become a committee member.

(Note that there was some discussion here of the various committees we have that are currently active, including digitizing and oral history)

Catherine Stearns had already been nominated for this position, due in part to her deep history in Wilmot and her knowledge of the town.

Liz moves that we vote on the nominations of Catherine and Jeff. Catherine is elected unanimously to become a Board Member.

Website changes – Mary says that Drupal is not working well and is very frustrating. She has looked into using a different software, and received a bid of \$1015.00 from Carnevale to update our site using ProcessWire. Nancy expressed concern that this is not a widely used program, and suggests that we use one more commonly used. Both Nancy and Mary will research such software, and send their suggestions to the Board.

It was moved and approved that the WHS spend \$1,500.00 to convert the web site.

Liability Insurance – carried forward

Harrison Hunt audio interview – Harrison is willing to re-do this interview, since our recording of his very soft voice was not adequate.

Bandstand Supper – we are responsible for the August 18 supper. Nancy Bates is our planner, and she would like us to create an old-timey atmosphere with appropriate foods. She has suggested we serve beer-braised brats with apple, cabbage, onion and mustard slaw and chicken thighs with pasta salad; all to be cooked ahead and put in paper to-go boxes. We will also serve salads in paper cups. Peach/ginger pie and pecan chocolate squares for desserts will be sold separately.

We'll serve lemonade, iced tea and water as well. The estimate for the number of people we will be serving is 80.

Nancy proposed that we all cook together on the morning of the supper in the WCA kitchen (which we hope we'll be allowed to be used for 0 dollars). She will research the cost for everything. She also suggested that we recruit Marc and Fred to do ice cream making in the old wooden device.

Meals will be sold for \$8.00, with smaller a la carte amounts for less money.

Lindy suggested that we try to find outside donors to help pay for the food.

Membership in the Old Graveyard Assn. – Nola was somewhat hesitant about our joining, but after Catherine described a demonstration of theirs that she attended about cleaning old gravestones, Mary and Liz suggested we join for \$10.00. Mary moved and Liz seconded that we join the OGA. Vote was in the affirmative.

Curiosity Shop – the latest shop was successful, bringing in sales of \$570.00.

T-shirts – several suppliers were suggested, as well as a few ideas for what the t-shirt should display. It was agreed that Judy and Catherine should go forward with creating the t-shirt with artistic help for the logo from Sue Finney. Anyone who has ideas for what should be on the t-shirt should e-mail them to the Board within 36 hours.

Internal Financial Audit – this should be done to check for accuracy by a person who is not the treasurer. The Board requested that Nola take this on, and she agreed. Liz therefore appointed

Nola to do the audit. She will do an internal financial audit every other year. The audit for 2017-2017 to be done before Oct. 31, and the next before January of the following year

Membership in the Preservation Alliance – the WHS board voted to join.

WHS Quilts - Lindy, Chris and Judy Rayno will meet today to gather information to put on the information plaques.

Building Committee Report and Workshop – Nancy did a short report on our workshop, and concluded that at this point we need to focus on creating better visibility for the WHS and doing marketing of what we have to offer. Judy suggested that Liz lead a special “vision” meeting on Monday, July 30 in the Town Office from 9:00-12:00. Lindy will try to recruit a non-board member to participate.

Veterans Memorial Flower Garden – With Liz’ approval, we will move forward with enlarging the garden, making sure that any change will not undermine the existing pavers of which there are 39 12”X 12” pavers, and 46 or 48 4”X 8” curbstones. The Memorial will be 100 years old next year, and Liz suggests that we collaborate with the Wilmot Garden Club and have a celebration and add signs to the memorial. In addition, the flags should be illuminated at night, possibly using solar-powered lights, and the pavers need to be re-set and cleaned. She suggests that the Garden be added as an Action Item for next month’s meeting. Mary suggests that the Wilmot Garden Club take over the care of the Memorial garden; she will call the Garden Club to see if they are interested. Meanwhile, Julie mentioned that we might wish to consider ameliorating the Historical Society garden across the stream from the Town Hall.

NEW BUSINESS

Donald Hall DVDs – Lindy proposes that we re-order 50 copies of these DVDs and change the picture on the case. It was moved and approved that we spend \$350.00 to acquire 50 copies with new cases and inserts.

Andover Old Time Fair – Jesse Schust contacted Liz to offer the WHS a free booth space at the Fair from 7:30 AM until 2:00 PM. The offer was accepted.

ACTION ITEM LIST

Curiosity Shop Cleanup – perhaps this could be used as a future fundraising event, where we could also sell donated ball gowns (per Kathy LaVallee’s ideas)

Sue has secured a date for the WHS tent at the Farmers Market Education tent for September 15, and she will discuss her ideas about that at the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING August, 16 at 1:30 PM in the History Room

Respectfully submitted, Judy Hauck, Secretary