

Wilmot Historical Society
Minutes
January 12, 2023

The meeting was called to order in the town office by president Liz Kirby at 5:03 p.m. Also present were Judy Hauck, Catherine Stearns, Carolyn Rayno, Mary Fanelli, and David Janas.

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There was not a quorum so the minutes of the December meeting were not approved.

Treasurer's Report

Checking	\$3,451.75
MM	\$38,236.99 incl. int. \$3.67
TOTAL	\$41,688.74

Encumbered: Veteran's Memorial \$1,942.56; Building Fund \$21,153; Town Hall \$10,000

Available: as of December 31, 2022 - \$9,343.18

Oral Histories

Tape transcriptions: Kim White has finished transcribing all the cassette tape interviews (about 25). Mary sent her a check for \$300, which included a little bonus for all the work she has done since 2016.

Video interviews: There are two more video interviews to finish for 2022. Julie and John Morse video is just about completed and ready to upload to the website. The Tootie Fleury and her brother Duke Evans video is right behind this. The grant from the Barnard Foundation from last year only covered one video. Mary will submit another application to cover the balance of the cost of the second one. At the moment there are no plans to do any more interviews. Mary asked that someone else take over the organizing and grant applications. Theresa, our videographer is happy to come and do the interviewing. Her cost is \$500 per interview including travel.

Printer/Scanner

A new printer has not been purchased yet. Bruce Sanborn was going to research this. Our printer scanner sometimes will print but will not copy. The challenge is to find a large format (ledger) that does printing, scanning, and copying. Judy said she would ask her husband if he might be willing to take a look at our current machine to see if he could get it to fully function again.

Town Report and Annual Newsletter

Liz will try to get this finished within a couple of weeks. The info for the town report can also serve as text for the newsletter, which would be great to have available when we decorate the post office window to feature the Wilmot Historical Society in February.

Building Committee

Judy Hauck presented a sketch she created to use as a starting point in designing a new space for the WHS. Her sketch has dimensions of 30' wide x 40' long, which is about the size of an old school house. She has an area for document storage all across the back, which would be climate controlled. That space is 10' deep and 30' wide and could hold the town's documents and our own documents that are now in storage at FloorCraft storage facility. In the front is a small kitchen space that can be separated from the main room with some kind of divider. The center is open with a meeting table and the map case with work tables at the back outside of the storage rooms. This is a conceptual drawing, but everyone was pleased with the thoughts and ideas that went into it. Judy will get together with Bruce to further develop the ideas. The overall thought is to buy a building and retrofit it to our needs rather attempt a stick-built.

Post Office Window – February

There was much discussion about what should go into the post office window. Liz had sketched out a genealogy chart in very large format. She thought a heavy cardboard trifold would be the best way to present this and other charts. Mary thought that something more visual, rather than something that needs to be read, should be used. The group came up with the ideas of getting old photos to put around the perimeter of the trifold. Catherine will work on this while Liz is away. The genealogy committee has a great handout that they developed for anyone wanting to research their family tree. This could be available as well as the 2023 newsletter at the edge of the display.

Senior Lunch Program

Chris Jenssen, who coordinates the senior lunch program, asked if the WHS would like to present some type of program for the Feb. 16 senior luncheon. Since the attendees are usually of an age where they would have lots of memorabilia and other family treasures stored in their homes, the board thought this might be a great opportunity to let people know that the WHS is always interested in donations of local historical interest.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Fanelli, secretary

Next meeting is February 9 at 5 p.m. in the town office.

Genealogy meeting is 6:30 on January 26 in the history room.