

Minutes
Canaan Historical Society
October 22, 2018

Meeting Opened at 7:05

Attendees: President Dan Fleetham, Jr., Vice-president Ann Wadsworth, Secretary Tina Lemoi, Treasurer Reg Barney, Historian and Corresponding Secretary Donna Zane Dunkerton, Patsy Carter, John & Carol Bergeron

Minutes of May 28, 2018 were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report:

- The **itemized annual report** for 10/1/17 - 9/30/18 was presented. At the end of September the checking account balance was \$33,499.79. Of this total, \$5000 is the Noyes Academy allotment and \$18,947 is designated for the window restoration project. The remaining balance is \$9,552.79. The report was accepted unanimously.
- **Quilt Exhibit** generated total donations of \$2,348 of which \$1,288 was donated in September and is reflected in the Annual Report. The remaining donations will appear in the October, 2018 report at the November Meeting.
 - **Motion:** John Bergeron made a motion that 1/2 of the donations received be donated to the Mariposa Museum, Peterborough, NH and the other 1/2 be put towards the Canaan Meetinghouse Restoration Project. Patsy Carter seconded. Unanimously approved.
- Carol Bergeron requested that a line item be added to the budget under Receipts called "Artifacts Acquisition Fund" for the purpose of tracking the sale of museum items such as the gun that was sold in October. Reg Barney will add this line to his budget.
- The Terhune family have made several \$1000 donations to the Society. A donation of \$1000 was made directly to Donna Zani Dunkerton. Since Donna is a director, the approval of this donation, because it is greater than \$500 must be documented in the minutes and included in the annual report.
 - **Motion:** Patsy Carter made a motion that Donna Zani Dunkerton receive the Terhune's \$1000 donation for services rendered to the Canaan Historical Society. Reg Barney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

- **Quilt Exhibit:** There were about 1,088 attendees at the exhibit that ran from 9/1 - 10/18 at the Meetinghouse. According to the guest book about 15% were from Canaan and 37% were from the Upper Valley. 5% came from other parts of NH, 10% from New England, 9% from the East Coast, 3% other parts of the US, 1% from foreign countries, and 2% did not state their home location.
- **Windows:** The installer will be working Thanksgiving week and weekend installing 6 repaired windows and removing 3 other windows for repair. In preparation Donna is taking the artwork to the library for the winter.

- **Humanities Council:** The two Humanities Council presentations (Quilts by Pamela Weeks and Meetinghouses by Paul Wainwright) offered this past summer were well attended. John Bergeron suggested that when booking speakers in the future the Society will want to be in communication with the library and the Humanities Council to ensure that the same topic is not being presented at a different venue in town within a short time span.
- **Web Site:** Tina Lemoi is working with Sharon Duffy on a web site for the Society. They will have a draft to present after the holidays.
- **Museum:** The textile artifacts in the museum are being catalogued. Debbie Hammond of Haphazard Quilting is making labels that are being sewn into the materials.

New Business

- **Kitchen Stove for Museum:** Donna Dunkerton has purchased an old kitchen stove for display in the Museum. It needs quite a bit of refurbishing which she will undertake.
- **Canaan Bird & Garden Club:** Patsy informed the attendees that in April, 2019 the Canaan Bird and Garden Club will be celebrating their 80th anniversary. In honor of the event, they would like to partner with the Historical Society to do a presentation for the public in the Meetinghouse next summer during Old Home Days. Donna agreed to work with them. This topic will be discussed further at our next meeting
- **Ideas:** Ann Wadsworth described a recent photo exhibit she attended where descendants of Gloucester, MA fishermen were featured. She would like to find a theme related to Canaan and do a similar exhibit. She also would like to continue to record more oral histories of Canaan.
- **Thanks** were extended to John and Donna for all the work they have done, especially related to the Window Restoration Project and the Quilt Exhibit.

Election of Officers

- Carol Bergeron made a motion that the current slate of officers be elected for the next year. Donna Dunkerton seconded. Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05

Respectfully Submitted,
Tina Lemoi, Secretary