

Minutes - Canaan Historical Society

Dec. 3, 2018

Present: Dan Fleetham, Reggie Barney, Tina Lemoi, Carol & John Bergeron, Donna Dunkerton, Susan Nero, Ann Wadsworth

Meeting opened at 7:05

Minutes reviewed - Suggested edits:

- Under Terhune family donations Patsy Carter's Motion should read ... services rendered "for the restoration of the antique kitchen stove."
- Under New Business - Kitchen Stove for Museum: Change text to read "Donna Dunkerton has received an antique wood stove donated by the Terhune family."
- Reggie Barney made a motion to accept the minutes as edited. Ann Wadsworth seconded the motion. Discussion: above edits by John Bergeron and Donna Dunkerton were suggested. Motion to accept the minutes as edited passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: 10/1/18 - 12/3/18

add antiques wood stove see report

- Beginning Balance of \$33,499.79
- Income of \$1,997
- Expenses this period of \$3,801.39
- 12/3/18 Ending Balance of \$31,695.40
- Report accepted unanimously after making the following edit to the 4th line item under Expenses: The line will now read _ "Donna Dunkerton — Services rendered *and antique wood stove*.

Correspondence:

- The attached thank you note from was the Board of Selectman was read acknowledging the appreciation of the town of Canaan for the CHS donation of \$1174.00 towards the cost of restoring the Meetinghouse. **Note:** For future contributions, please make checks payable to "Canaan Trustees of Trust Funds" with a memo as to where the donation is to be directed.
- Pres. Dan Fleetham presented a pamphlet he received called "Publishing America Through Time." If the CHS is interested in publishing "Canaan, NH Through Time," research into this company and the costs associated with it will be investigated.

Old Business:

- **Windows:** 6 restored windows were installed this week. Representatives from LCHIP visited and were pleased with the results. The final 12 windows are currently being restored and will be installed in May.

New Business:

- **Summer Programs:** Prior to the meeting, an email was sent along with the NH Humanities Council brochure. The membership was asked to review the brochure and send back ideas for a potential community wide presentation for the summer of 2019. The following topics were discussed:
 - A. Bluegrass Music Concert by Dale Barney's Band

- B. Bagpipe music by the gentleman restoring the Museum windows. This option may be part of a dedication of the new windows presented by the CHS and the Selectmen.
- C. From the NH Humanities Council:
 - Grand Hotels, Victorian Architecture, George Winant, Vanished Veterans of the Civil War, and others John Bergeron suggested decide on the top 3 topics, put them in priority order. The top 3 topics unanimously accepted are:
 1. Grand Hotels of the White Mts. - Display of Canaan Hotels - Donna will do.
 2. Cemeteries NH History - need description from Humanities Council Rubbings, ... Knobloch
 3. The Connecticut: New England's Great River
 - **Action:** Donna Dunkerton will contact Dale Barney to determine if he and his group would be interested in presenting a Bluegrass Concert this summer. Donna will also contact the Humanities Council to determine dates and topics available. If all of these topics are unavailable she will work with the Humanities Council to find a suitable topic and speaker.
 - A check in the amount of \$50.00 is needed to reserve a Humanities Council speaker
 - **Motion:** Carol Bergeron made a motion to approve that a \$50.00 check be sent to the NH Humanities Council to secure a speaker for July or August of 2019. John Bergeron seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
- **Potential New Projects:**
 - A. Painting** of the interior trim and first floor of museum.
 - B. Protection of the new window sashes** in the Museum from the weather.
 - Storm window with tall sheets of glass and one horizontal piece of wood across the center.
 - Exterior Shutters like the Old North Church which would, for the most part, always be closed closed. Protect sashes.
 - Manually having to open and close the exterior shutters would be problematic. Currently, Donna Dunkerton manually controls the interior shutters.
 - Electricity update to more energy efficient lighting and additional wall outlets.
 - Think about what upgrades are needed to make the 2cd floor usable being sure to include accessibility.
 - It was decided unanimously that, for the present, John Bergeron will price storm windows and the painting and the CHS will discuss options at a future meeting.
- **Town Histories:**
 - Donna Dunkerton will order more town after the last one has been sold. The books are published in Salem, MA and postage is expensive at a cost of \$20.00. Donna noted that in the last printing the pictures have improved.

Presentation by Reggie Barney on the Currier Family. His information was summarized from *Sketches of Leading Citizens in Grafton County*.

Note: The history of Factory Village (Canaan Ctr) is currently being displayed in the Hardware Store.

Next Meeting: January 28th, 2019 at the Senior Center

Meeting Adjourned - 8:15

