

# NEWTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of June 9, 2014  
Merrimac Savings Bank

Members present:	Bill Landry	Mary Riordan	Karen O'Malley	Ron Saunders
	Kathy Meserve	John Meserve	Marilyn Landry	Barb DiBartolomeo
	Mike Hughes	Cheryl Saunders		

Bill Landry called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

## **Middle School Student Program: Guests -- Nicole Woulfe and Michelle Hannon**

Bill Landry introduced Nicole and Michelle from the Social Studies department of the Sanborn Regional Middle School. Nicole explained the 6<sup>th</sup> grade social studies classes cover from the Civil War through World War II. They are looking for information on Newton's history in relation to the Industrial Age and immigrant groups in the area. They suggested a slide show and an "inquiry" section (present items and ask the kids what it is). The presentations would be 30-45 minutes in a classroom setting. They asked if it would be possible for us to stay all day and present to different classes or have someone visit at different times to keep the groups small. Topics identified were Hayford Carriage Company, shoe industry, icehouse on the ponds, train wreck, the fire and baseball. Bill Landry said we would get items together and have Nicole and Michelle review what we will be presenting. We will determine the actual presentation sessions(s) after we gather the items. Nicole suggested doing the presentation in November or December. Karen O'Malley suggested we have the presentation ready for them to review at our September 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. Bill asked for volunteers for a committee to create the presentation. All attending members volunteered. Bill Landry made a motion to appoint Karen O'Malley Chairperson of the Middle School Program. Kathy Meserve seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote. The committee will meet at the Primary School House on Monday June 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM. Bill Landry will send Nicole information on Civil War soldiers buried in town.

## **Secretary's Report – Mary Riordan**

Kathy Meserve requested the minutes of May 12, 2014 be amended as follows: In the Programs section, change the second to last sentence from "...went over very good" to "...went over very well". In the Web Site Status section, change the second sentence from "...for something the "play" the photos" to "... for something to "play" the photos". Karen O'Malley made a motion to accept the minutes of May 12, 2014 as amended. Ron Saunders seconded the motion. The motion passed 8 ayes, 2 abstentions.

## **Treasurer's Report – Bill Landry**

The Checking income was from presentation donations and dues. Expenses were for the electric bill, Newton Food Pantry, Spirits of the Granite State presentation fee, NHHC 2015 presentation fees and new check fee. The Money Market income was from interest. Kathy Meserve made a motion to accept the May 31, 2014 Treasurers' Reports. Marilyn Landry seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

## **Old Business:**

**Marshall House Barn repair:** Bill Landry reported he spoke to Mike Pivero about digging a trench for running electricity to the barn. Bill put flags where we want to run the wire so Mike can call Dig Safe. We are waiting for the new quote from Rob Hayes on the materials for the repairs.

## **New Business:**

**Newton Town Day Sept. 20 – Open Museums?:** Bill Landry asked if we wanted to open the museums during Town Day. There was discussion on the attendance the last time we opened on Town Day. The consensus was we would not open them on Town Day. John Meserve suggested opening them around Veteran's Day when there aren't so many other things going on in town.

**Fall Festival:** John Meserve suggested the event be held on October 18<sup>th</sup> or October 25<sup>th</sup>. The members agreed on Saturday October 25<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 to 6:30PM.

## **Reports of Curators & Committee Chairpersons:**

**Curators:** Nothing to report.

**Historian:** No report

**Archivist:** Karen O'Malley gave Ron Saunders items to determine if we should keep them. She asked Bill to purchase more storage boxes. She will label the boxes and shelves in the office.

## **Programs:**

**Review of "Spirits of the Granite State":** The event went well. Thirty-eight people attended the event. Bill Landry noticed in the rebroadcast of the event that if the lights are dimmed for a presentation we should turn them up as soon as possible and that if the presenter doesn't repeat the audience question the viewers can't hear it. Bill will send a Thank You letter to the Roxie Zwicker.

**NHHC:** Bill Landry reported the Council has cut back its funding for 2015 so we will only have 2 NHHC presentations in 2015. We have booked the musical presentation "Two Old Friends" for April 2015. Marilyn Landry read descriptions from the NHHC book for 2015 presentations. The members decided to book "Rally 'Round the Flag – The American Civil War through Folksong" in the Fall 2015.

**Web Site Status:** Mary Riordan showed the updated Web site with a photo gallery page. Bill Landry gave her pictures to add to the site. She will have the site ready for approval at the next meeting. We renewed our web site term for 3 years. There was discussion on future pages of selected artifacts.

**Correspondence:** None

**Other:** Bill Landry is going to create a Society Facebook page for announcements.

**Next Meeting:** Monday July 14, 2014, 7:00 PM at the Merrimac Savings Bank.

Bill Landry adjourned the meeting at 8:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Riordan, Secretary