

Newton Historical Society

Minutes of November 13, 2017
Sargent Woods Community Center

Members present:	Bill Landry	Mary Riordan	Karen O'Malley	Barb DiBartolomeo
	Roger Hamel	Diane Morin	Mike Hughes	Cheryl Saunders
	Dave Simpson	John Meserve	Kathy Meserve	

Bill Landry called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

Secretary's Report – Mary Riordan

Diane Morin made a motion to accept the minutes of October 9, 2017. Mike Hughes seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report – Bill Landry

The Checking expenses were for the electric bill. The Money Market income was from interest and Fall Festival ticket sales. Expenses were for Fall Festival. Barb DiBartolomeo made a motion to accept the October 31, 2017 Treasurers' Reports. Diane Morin seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Old Business:

Update on Marshall House issue: Diane Morin reported the raccoon is gone. There is a temporary cap on the chimney while waiting for the permanent cap. Ron Saunders removed items that had been damaged.

Museum visit Newton Girl Scout Troop #11014 on 10/13: Bill Landry reported he and Karen O'Malley handled the visit. It went good. The leaders were happy with the visit. Pictures of the visit have been posted on the Website.

Fall Festival Review: Bill Landry reported we had 50 attendees and 29 sponsors for the event. Gross revenue was \$2,810., expenses were \$715 for a net profit of \$2094. He noted that over the 11 years we've had the Festival we've netted \$28,714 and that our annual out of pocket expenses are approximately \$2,600. Bill thanked the Meserves for their efforts in making the event a success. He also thanked the North Shore Bank for their support. Bill noted the number of sponsors had decreased from last year. John thought the change in date may have contributed to that.

Use of Damp Rid to reduce the humidity in the schoolhouse and Earthkind Mouse Rid: John Meserve noted Damp Rid is not necessary at this time of year. We should use it next spring. He reported that in his experience the Earthkind Mouse Rid was not effective at keeping mice out. He suggested we get DCon or Tomcat. Cheryl Saunders noted Tractor Supply has pellets she uses at her camp. Dave Simpson suggested using Fresh Cab. Diane Morin and John Meserve will get some and meet on Friday 11/17 at 9 AM to put something in the schoolhouse. Bill Landry will give Diane a key to the building.

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New Business:

Review of typical annual expenses: This item was covered under the Fall Festival Review.

Gale Library Railings: Bill Landry and Dave Simpson volunteered to add additional railings at the front steps of the Library. The Town purchased the materials and Bill and Dave will supply the labor. They will start the project Tues. 12/14. The Town Safety committee listed this as a safety issue.

Election of 2018 Officers at Dec. Meeting: Bill Landry reminded the members we will elect 2018 officers at our December meeting. He encouraged anyone interested in taking on a role to come forward at the next meeting.

Other:

Dec. 12th Meeting / Christmas Party: Our December meeting will be on Wednesday 12/13. We will have our Christmas Party immediately following. We'll have pizza and salad. Bring your own beverage. Cheryl will bring the cookies. We'll have a Yankee Swap with a \$10 maximum gift.

Reports of Curators & Committee Chairpersons:

Curators: Cheryl Saunders reported receiving a Carriage Jack donated by Dale Gordon.

Historian: Roger Hamel reported he didn't receive any requests last month.

Archivist: Karen O'Malley reported she gave the external backup drive to Mary Riordan. Mary added the website and gave the drive to Diane Morin to store in the Town vault. Karen O'Malley will get the Carriage Jack from Cheryl, accession it and put it in the barn.

Programs: Diane Morin reported Sally Woodman has not gotten in touch with Roxie Zwicker. She noted there was some confusion on the dates of next year's presentations. She will confirm the information on the website.

Web Site Status: Mary Riordan reported we had 147 unique visitors to our site last month. This is a slight increase over prior months. After the posting of the Fall Festival and Girl Scout visit pictures, the number of unique visitors for the first 10 days of November is 307.

Correspondence: None

Next Meeting: Wednesday December 13, 2017, 6:30 PM at the Sargent Woods Community Center.

Bill Landry adjourned the meeting at 7:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Riordan, Secretary