

Newton Historical Society

Minutes of November 12, 2018
Sargent Woods Community Center

Members present:	Bill Landry	Mary Riordan	Karen O'Malley	Barb DiBartolomeo
	Sally Woodman	Diane Morin	Kathy Meserve	John Meserve
	Roger Hamel	Marilyn Landry	Ron Saunders	Dave Simpson

Bill Landry called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Secretary's Report – Mary Riordan

Diane Morin made a motion to accept the minutes of October 8, 2018. Marilyn Landry seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report – Bill Landry

The Checking income was from Fall Festival ticket sales and sponsors. Expenses were for the electric bill, supplies, NHHC 2019 Presentation fee and Fall Festival Gift Cards. The Money Market income was from interest and Fall Festival ticket sales and sponsors. Expenses were for Fall Festival. Kathy Meserve made a motion to accept the October 31, 2018 Treasurers' Reports. Marilyn Landry seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Old Business:

Fall Festival Review: Kathy Meserve reported we had approximately 50 people at this year's event and everyone enjoyed themselves. She thanked all members for their donation of food, tables and the display of artifacts. There were 19 door prizes this year. We raised a net of \$2,643.36 this year thanks to our sponsors and ticket sales.

Festival financial overview (12 yrs.): Bill Landry reported the net revenue this year was the best in the last 3 years. We had 40 sponsors this year. The total net revenue over the last 12 years is \$31,347.92.

2019 HSEM calendar photo: Bill Landry reported our picture of the Advertising Stage Curtain was accepted for the Homeland Security Emergency Management calendar.

Scout Troop #91 Project (Scrape & Paint Cobbler Shop): Bill Landry reported Troop #91 could not do this project this year. We will table it until next Spring.

New Business:

Village Schoolhouse insurance: Bill Landry spoke to Nancy at Foy Insurance about insurance through The Hartford. Since the artifacts are irreplaceable, he changed the coverage on contents of the building from \$8,000 to \$1,000. We have \$1 million of liability insurance. The insurance company values the building at \$114,000. Karen O'Malley noted there are several items – the heater, dehumidifier, scanner, and display cases – that may be more than \$1,000 to replace.

Pentucket Bank calendar photo: Bill Landry was contacted by Pentucket Bank about submitting a photo for their calendar. They are looking for photos from towns in the area they serve. Bill submitted 4 photos -- Town Hall, Primary Schoolhouse Museum, Marshall House Museum and Gale Library.

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Annual members Christmas Party: Bill Landry reminded members of our Christmas Party immediately after our December 10th meeting. He will order pizza, salad and soda from Acio's. We will have a Yankee Swap with a \$15 limit on gender friendly gifts.

December Officer elections: Bill Landry reminded the members we will be electing 2019 officers at our December meeting. He feels it would be nice to have a change in officers as the current ones have been in their positions for many years. He encouraged members to consider taking on an officer position. Mary Riordan indicated she is ready to pass the Secretary duties on.

Other:

Artifact donation by Newton Junction P.O.: Bill Landry received photos from Pam at the Junction Post Office of the Newton 250th celebration and a \$20 commemorative post card that was issued for the 250th celebration. Ron Saunders has reviewed them and passed them to Karen O'Malley.

Artifact donation from Chase Family descendant: Bill Landry received a Tax Book and other items from Lori Toomas. Bill asked Karen to keep the Chase family together so he can do a slide show on the Chase family.

Reports of Curators & Committee Chairpersons:

Curators: Ron Saunders reported he removed the tree behind the Marshall House barn.

Jim Doggett spoke to Ron about the Society taking the sign on the Grange. Ron is waiting for Jim to schedule a visit to the Grange.

Ron reported he put a screen on the window at the back of the Schoolhouse but indicated the window needs to be replaced. This will be done in the spring of 2019

Ron reported we need a few more Christmas light strings for the tree. Bill asked Ron to have Cheryl ask Mike Pivero if he could help put up the lights.

Historian: Roger Hamel reported he had no requests this month.

Archivist: Karen O'Malley reported she and Mary Riordan printed 3 x 5 cards for the items in the Schoolhouse. These cards will be placed with the items on display. They contain ascension number, description, time period and donor.

Programs: Sally Woodman reported we are all set for New England Quilts from NHHC on April 10th. She has received confirmation from Michael Tsongas – Above & Beyond JFK, the American most dangerous spy mission on Sept. 25th. Bill asked if Sally had heard from Roxie Zwicker about cashing our check for her last presentation. Sally will talk to her about it. Bill will look again to see if she's cashed it.

Web Site Status: Mary Riordan reported we had 237 unique visitors which is approximately 50 above our monthly average. Our top 3 visited items are Projects, About Us and Fall Festival. The Veterans List is still very popular.

Correspondence: None

Next Meeting: Monday December 10, 2018, 6:30 PM at the Sargent Woods Community Center.

Bill Landry adjourned the meeting at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Riordan, Secretary