

Dartmouth Historical & Arts Society

Board of Directors Meeting of June 29, 2017

At Russells Mills Schoolhouse

Members and directors present included Robert Barboza, Jason Protami, Don Plant, Katherine Plant, Dan Socha, Bob Harding, Marian Ryall, Pat Stringer, Sue Guiducci, Jeff King, and Enid Silva.

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Harding at 6:30 p.m. There being no minutes available from the May meeting, that agenda item was passed over. The treasurer's report included \$369 in new revenues, and an ending balance of roughly \$9,382. Mr. Plant made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Mr. Socha, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Socha reported on increased efforts to promote the society's website, events schedule, and the archived materials in the web page library via Facebook and Mail Chimp; links to the libraries genealogies, articles and photo galleries are being created for promotional purposes, along with links to relevant DCTV history-related videos. Mr. Protami was commended by Mr. Harding for his efforts to get lecture and event videos created in cooperation with DCTV. Mr. Socha indicated that he is using Google analytics to track web site visits, and will provide a report on those demographics at a future meeting.

Directors were asked to come up with other ideas to boost attendance at Sunday afternoon lectures, such as outreach to other historical societies and organizations. Means of attracting new members was also discussed briefly, as Mrs. Silva presented a membership report indicating 47 family memberships; 30 individual memberships; and 22 donations received from benefactors. Ms. Ryall made a motion to accept the membership report, seconded by Mrs. Plant, and approved with a unanimous vote.

Education Committee Chair Sue Guiducci briefed the board on the planned Sept. 9 Come Back In Time program, coordinated with the annual Grange Fair; and on the spring activities held for Dartmouth elementary students at the schoolhouse. A motion to accept her report came from Mrs. Silva, seconded by Mr. King, and approved by unanimous vote. House & Refreshment Committee Chair Kathy Plant reported on smooth operations, and asked for suggestions for alternate refreshments. It was noted that a July 1 yard sale was planned at the schoolhouse, to be followed by a community band holiday concert. A motion to accept the report was made by Mrs. Silva, seconded by Mrs. Stringer, and approved by unanimous vote.

Mr. Harding provided a general progress report on society activities, and reviewed the upcoming lecture schedule. Mr. Plant noted that Fairhaven offers historical programs all summer, and the events have good attendance; the discussion led to a suggestion to increase outreach to historical societies in surrounding towns. Mrs. Silva reported there have been no bylaw committee meetings, but a draft of revised bylaws is available for directors to review. Ms. Guiducci made a motion to invite Maureen Taylor to be the featured speaker at the annual meeting, seconded by Mr. Barboza, and approved unanimously.

Under new business, the possibility of inviting representatives of the Wampanoag Nation to speak at the lecture series was raised, and Mr. Harding assigned the recruiting task; Peggi Medeiros was mentioned as a possible return lecturer; the Tiny Wedding idea was passed over without discussion. Ms. Guiducci

reported the donation of a small summer stove to the society, meant to replace the heavier stove currently used for historical presentations; she asked it be stored at the schoolhouse. A motion to accept the donation and approve the storage space was made by Mrs. Silva, seconded by Mrs. Stringer, and approved by unanimous vote.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. came from Mr. King, seconded by Mrs. Silva, and was approved by unanimous vote.