

Dartmouth Historical & Arts Society

Meeting of Aug. 31, 2017

Present: Dan Socha, Robert Harding, Enid Silva, Patricia Stringer, Marian Ryall, Robert Barboza, Marcia Cornell Glynn, Donald Plant, Katherine Plant, Jeff King, Sue Guiducci. The meeting commenced at 6:30 p.m. with the above members present. A motion to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2017 meeting as presented was made by Mr. Plant, seconded by Mr. Socha, and passed with a unanimous vote.

Ms. Stringer presented a financial report indicating July receipts of \$147.20 in donations, \$65.00 in membership fees, and \$135.00 in yard sale revenue; and July expenses totaling \$59.99. The ending balance in society accounts was reported at \$10,309.53. A motion to accept the report came from Ms. Ryall, seconded by Mr. Plant, and passed with a unanimous vote. Ms. Silva reported the membership list stood at 78 members, and two new family memberships were added in July, bringing the member total to 80. A motion to accept the report was made by Ms. Stringer, seconded by Mr. Socha, and was approved by unanimous vote.

Mr. Socha presented a report on publicity efforts, and provided data for the month for web site visits and Facebook interactions, and there was some discussion of strategies to increase those numbers. Mr. Socha indicated that the Come Back In Time event would be advertised on the web page, on Facebook, and to the mailing list via Mail Chimp. Mr. Harding said events would be publicized through press releases to newspapers in addition to the posters distributed in the past.

An update on programs was provided by Mr. Harding, who distributed information on the Paul Cuffe symposium planned in Westport on Sept. 16, which the DHAS is helping to sponsor. Mr. Barboza made a motion to reimburse Mr. Harding \$160.90 for printed materials from DHAS to be included in the symposium packages, seconded by Mr. Plant, and approved with a unanimous vote. Volunteers were assigned tasks related to the Come Back In Time event, and the Sept. 24 Great Rock Cemetery tour.

New Business: Ms. Plant reported \$130 profit realized on the yard sale event, and proposed another date be scheduled this fall; without sufficient support for the proposal, it was decided not to hold another yard sale until spring. Ms. Stringer indicated she has been busy organizing society files needed to complete the society's financial reports to the state for 2015 and 2016. Mr. Harding noted that board members need to start reporting their volunteer hours contributed to the society, and provided a form for reporting those contributions of time for various activities. It was decided that the society's annual meeting would be held at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 26, and suggested that Fairhaven Tourism Director Chris Richard be invited to be the guest speaker at that event. Ms. Plant reported finding a good used podium at a local antique store, and suggested it be purchased for use by lecturers. Mr. Plant made a motion to authorize the purchase, seconded by Mr. Barboza; the vote was unanimous.

Old Business: Mr. Harding indicated he was still planning to create a draft Memorandum of Understanding regarding collaborative efforts for the society to distribute to other regional historical societies and organizations, but had not yet gotten to that task. There has been no meeting of the bylaw review committee, or any action on the creation of a historical plaque for the schoolhouse since the last meeting. Mr. Plant reported that he had researched options for a handicapped accessibility ramp for the schoolhouse, and provided some materials to the board; after some discussion, no vote was taken on the matter. A motion to adjourn came from Mr. King, seconded by Ms. Ryall, and passed unanimously.
Approved 9/28/17