

Dartmouth Historical & Arts Society  
Meeting of Sept. 27, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Robert Harding with following members present: Dan Socha, Marian Ryall, Enid Silva, Robert Harding, Katherine and Donald Plant, Robert Barboza, Richard Gifford, Pat Stringer, Sally Aldrich, Ned and Elizabeth Newton, Jeff King.

MINUTES: The minutes of the Aug. 31, 2018 meeting were provided by Mr. Socha, with a motion to accept as presented coming from Mr. Plant, seconded by Ms. Stringer. The vote was unanimous.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report from Ms. Stringer indicated a starting balance of \$11,815.68 minus August expenses of \$249.50; revenues brought the ending balance to \$12,047.48. Mr. King made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Mrs. Silva; the vote was unanimous.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Mrs. Silva reported no membership committee activity in the past month, with a membership renewal letter to be prepared and mailed next month. Mrs. Plant and Ms. Stringer will assist with the mailing. A motion to accept the report came from Mrs. Plant, was seconded by Mr. Harding, and passed by unanimous vote.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE: Mr. Socha noted that the Mail Chimp list has grown to 245 contacts, with the last mailing getting over 100 looks. The Facebook postings are also seeing some growth, with one recent post getting over 80 clicks or responses. He also reported that there will be 15 volumes of Friends material going on the website soon; Mr. Harding thinks the material will draw a lot of visitors to the website, and will explore linking those materials to Ancestry.com or some other national database.

PROGRAM REPORT: The list of upcoming programs includes Jordan Berson on conservation techniques, Sept. 30; and Why I Love Poetry presentation by Betty Jeanne Nooth on Oct. 14. It was noted that the Come Back In Time event on Sept. 8 with its usual success, with a good turnout. After some discussion, there was general agreement that Andrew Pierce should be invited to speak on Wampanoag genealogy at the lecture series and be offered an honorarium of \$200.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: No report.

RESEARCH REPORT: The research team reported working on the Quaker records archive, scanning photos of Gold Rush participants, and receipt of Frank Cornell family documents.

HOUSE COMMITTEE: Mrs. Plant was commended for handling refreshments at talks, and she expressed her thanks to those members helping with donations of food and drink.

OLD BUSINESS: It was noted that bylaw changes will go out with membership renewal mailings. Mrs. Newton reported six properties confirmed for the holiday house tour, with house captains meeting set for Oct. 4 and homeowners meeting set for Oct. 11. It was agreed that a budget of \$1,500 should be adequate to cover costs of posters, info booklets, and other materials; and that grant funding from Bay Coast Bank and other corporate sponsors will be sought to help defray costs.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business on the agenda, Mr. Plant made a motion to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.; seconded by Mr. Socha, the vote was unanimous.