

Dartmouth Historical & Arts Society  
Board of Directors Meeting  
via ZOOM September 24, 2020

Participating: Dan Socha, Robert Harding, Pat Stringer, Marian Ryall, Kathy Plant, Don Plant, Jordan Berson, Pam Cole, Richard Gifford, Enid Silva and Sally Aldrich.

President Harding called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. In the absence of the Secretary, Sally Aldrich took the minutes.

Motion to approve the minutes of the August 27, 2020 meeting was made, seconded, and approved as submitted by unanimous vote.

Pat gave the Treasurer's report. She corrected an error in reporting expenses last meeting. The correct July expense figure was \$1861.92. The beginning August balance was \$38,889.67. There was no income and expenses were \$1,256.89, making an ending balance of \$37,632.78. Living history has a balance of \$1,857 and the Quaker Project has a balance of \$8,597.15, leaving an account balance of \$27,178.63 as of August 31. The report was accepted unanimously.

No new memberships have come in. Enid and Pat will get together regarding the membership renewal mailing in October.

With Pam Cole's talk coming up soon on Zoom, Dan requested permission to upgrade our Zoom arrangement to Pro, at an annual cost of \$150, which will allow unlimited time for 12 months. After brief discussion, motion was made, seconded and the vote was unanimously passed to grant the upgrade.

Further on publicity: Dan posted the announcement of Pam Cole's Zoom talk scheduled for Sunday October 4 and he immediately got three sign-ups. Bob sent out the press release. Bob also has an article giving some general publicity on Quaker meeting interaction accepted for publication in *The Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey*. Dan's ad in *The Chronicle* for more Quaker reviewers brought no response, and he'll be submitting a bill for that ad.

Kathy inquired about sending out a mailchimp specifically about the cookbook on the website. Dan replied that it is included in a broadcast of all recent website updates. Bob called the Board's attention to the excellent Henry Worth History on Padanaram now on the website.

Pam Cole discussed how she would be presenting her program Oct 4, including how she would draw attention to New Bedford's role in the Great Awakening using the textbook *American Pathways to the Present*. She suggested we spread the word among our Methodist friends.

There was a slight pause during technical difficulty where we lost connection to Bob. After he signed back in, Dan went into detail on our Quaker Research Project. As of two days ago, we were 100% done with transcription vendors and at 30% for complete review. Of the three

vendors we contacted, **TypeltUp** initially proposed to charge \$9 per image so we did not use them. **GoTranscript** did some work at an initial cost of \$5 per two-page image, but later increased their charge to \$6.50 and then dropped out. **Digital Divide** ended up doing 90% of the work and charged \$1.50 per 1,000 characters. We have paid \$14,444 to vendors to date with one final bill outstanding. Average cost comes to \$4.38 per image and we are left with \$6,568 as surplus. Bob commented that this experience was a good example illustrating the wisdom of engaging multiple vendors in a project such as ours.

It was agreed that Enid and Susan (who was out of town and absent from this meeting) would work on setting up the Annual Meeting, if it occurs on Thursday, Oct. 29, or a Special Meeting in lieu thereof if at a later date. Susan will arrange for a speaker, who may be a man currently on Nantucket doing research on slavery or a man from Univ. of PA writing a book on Quakerism. They may be one and the same; Susan will know.

It was the consensus of the meeting that a picture of Horace Wildes be hung in the schoolhouse. His granddaughter has contacted us about artifacts in the family's possession.

Zoom terminated our session at 7:04. Dan immediately signed us up for the new expanded service and relaunched our meeting by sending each of us a new invitation to log back in. The Zoom meeting resumed at 7:15 after the recess.

Don Plant announced that Holly Herbster was giving a Zoom lecture on Dartmouth archaeology at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct 6 through the Friends of the Dartmouth Libraries. Don was also thanked for the new Maj. John Andre map in our website map room.

The status of Round Hill artifacts discussed at our last meeting is unclear at this time.

Bob has been in contact with Berkeley Historical Society to discuss common interests.

The schoolhouse yard has not needed to be mown due to drought. Pat has yet to receive a bill from Austin Russell for the first mowing.

Bob announced he has been researching and making progress on local meeting locations such as the Center Meeting near the head of the Noquochoke River, in Newtown, and near the Acushnet bridge. It was noted that Franklyn Howland has written a good history on Acushnet with substantial material on the Friends there.

Kathy informed us that Elsie Haskell has taken a bad fall at home and we might send her best wishes for her speedy recovery.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sally Aldrich