

Dartmouth Historical & Arts Society
Board Meeting of July 25, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm by President Robert Harding. The following attended: Bob Harding, Jeff King, Jordan Berson, Dan Socha, Richard Gifford, Katherine Plant, Marian Ryall, Enid Silva, and Sally Aldrich.

MINUTES: The minutes of the June 27 meeting were accepted by unanimous vote. Sally Aldrich took the minutes of tonight's meeting in the absence of Secretary Robert Barboza.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kathy Plant gave the report for Pat Stringer. The beginning balance was \$17,282. The Frishman lecture (\$92), Living History Friends Academy (\$125), Cunningham Charitable Fund (\$100) and two new single memberships brought in \$347. Expenses of \$311 included a stipend to Frishman (\$50), Commonwealth of Mass. (\$35), lawn care and utility payments, and reimbursement to Kathy for the pop-up tent and refreshments (\$220). The June 28, 2019 balance on hand is \$17,318, of which \$1,857 is Living History. The report was accepted by unanimous vote.

PROGRAMS: The June 30 picnic and concert went on despite the threat of rain. Cukie Macomber's July 7 talk was well received, but due to failing health, future programs might feature his prior written articles read aloud by others and augmented by his comments. The July 20 yard sale was held in hot weather.

2019 CELEBRATION OF THE WISDOM OF OUR ELDERS: This biennial event, sponsored by DFOA (Dartmouth Friends of the Elderly), DHAS, and the Dartmouth Wanderers, will be a dinner held at Rachel's Lakeside on August 18. DHAS has nominated Barbara Plant to be honored this year. Horace Wildes and the two Helfand sisters (Sophie & Edith) were our nominees in 2017. Bob Harding proposed that we provide free tickets to them this year. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: To provide free tickets (\$20 each) to the three 2017 honorees and their guests for the 2019 Celebration.

Board members are also urged to attend and notify Bob H. of their desire to share one or more DHAS tables.

Additionally, Dartmouth Friends of the Elderly has agreed to assume the cost and distribution to each place setting of a brochure (one half page folded in half) prepared by Bob Harding to explain and promote our project to transcribe the Quaker records, including a request for funding and for volunteers.

FRIENDS (QUAKER) RECORDS PROJECT:

Kathy Plant reminded us that we need to submit any request to BayCoast Bank for funding at the very beginning of the year to increase our chance of success.

Dan Socha announced that Ann Lopoulos, curator of the records of the "Dartmouth Meeting" at Smith Neck Friends Meetinghouse, has communicated to him their intended contribution of \$10,000 toward the cost of transcribing these records, in acknowledgment of the importance of this project. This news

was greeted by a round of applause in gratitude for the Smith Neck Friends' generosity as well as Dan's part in making this donation a reality. The check is expected to arrive in about three weeks.

Sally Aldrich suggested that we carefully choose a name for the project that we use consistently and which will stand the test of time. The name currently on our website for this project is "Quaker_Project." Much discussion followed without a clear consensus. It was unanimously agreed to table the matter for another month while individual board members consider it themselves and poll members of the community for their input.

It was also agreed that a few board members would hold a workshop to examine and clarify the transcription guidelines and the protocol to be used by both volunteers and professional transcription companies to ensure a more uniform product. This will still require volunteers with local knowledge to edit and correct the final result. Bob and Dan mentioned that they have software to help with this process regarding family names.

NEW BUSINESS:

Martha Leonard has requested the return of a few of her donated artifacts that did not go to the NB Whaling Museum. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to allow Martha Leonard to take back any items currently in DHAS possession she wants and for DHAS to display appropriate remaining artifacts during the "Come Back in Time" schoolhouse event in September.

Robert Smith, past President of DHAS, has turned over to us three prints given to DHAS some (unknown) time ago by **Ruth Ekstrom**. One is a framed print by William A. Wall of *The Landing*; two are of Cummings Mill and appear to be "blown-up" antique postcards.

Bruce Crompton has tentatively given DHAS some Carrolton Heights artifacts. It was VOTED unanimously to store temporarily, inventory, and accept conditionally the Bruce Crompton artifacts (photos, slides, and ephemera) of Carrolton Heights while the potential donor considers final disposition of them.

VOTED to adjourn at 7:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sally Aldrich