

Waterbury Historical Society

Board of Director's Meeting – Steele Community Room

September 18, 2018 – 3PM

Present – Barbara Farr, Jim Walton, Paul Willard, Jan Gendreau, Steve VanEsen, Jack Carter, Betty Jones

- **Minutes of August 21st** meeting were approved
- **Treasurer's report.** Paul said the total amount of all accounts is \$127,523.38. Of interest is that the Train Station refresh total cost was \$15,119.98 with WHS paying \$3,119.98 and RW paying \$12,000. The updated membership list of 189 members has been given to Cheryl. Report was approved.
- **Curator's report.** Jack said the remaining mural panels were hung in the Steele Room by Chris Parsons without charge. Jack recommended that we give Chris a family membership. Paul took note to send him the membership. Next Open House is Saturday, September 29th. Betty has signed on for both slots and Cheryl from noon to 2. Need another person for 10 to noon. Laura Parette has sent a quote of \$607 to reprint 2,500 copies of the walking tour brochure. Jack will work with Laura to update information. We have some left from the last printing. Jack would like to see more track lighting in the Steele Room since there is now more artwork in place. He wonders if WHS might want to fund the lighting. Barb suggested he get pricing for this. Jack presented shelving idea for the storage units. He would like to buy wire shelving that would hold all the textile boxes which are now scattered in different places. It was agreed to let him pursue the idea. The 1939 Rialto theater poster that WHS bought on ebay is framed and hanging downstairs near the small conference space.
- **Archivist' Activities.** Tracy was not present. Barb has spoken with her about the target date (November 1) to launch public Past Perfect. There are 18,570 images and 7,769 multimedia files entered. A family has requested that uniforms donated to be returned. All voted to grant the request.
- **Program Committee report.** Betty has been in contact with October meeting presenter, (Mr. Smiley?) and he want no audio or visual recording from the audience. He will charge \$100.00. The program will be in the Steele Room. January program will be of the railroad caboose on Perry Hill. Brian Lindner has proposed a program of railroad accidents for the April meeting. Betty would like to reprint past WHS publications into one booklet. Jane is working on a new book on the first 20 years of 2000 with Steve, Skip Flanders and Cindy Parks. Betty suggested an 'antiques roadshow' event next year with Richard and Barbara Woodard.
- **Newsletter.** Cheryl was not present but is working on the newsletter.
- **Other Business.**

Steve asked if we might consider a donation to the Brazil museum which was destroyed by fire. Consensus was no.

Barb has been researching reprinting the 1906-7 Vacation Hints publication and is waiting for more quotes.

Barb updated the CCC Camp Smith chimney project that Anne Imhoff has been working on. There is now enough money to repair all three chimneys due to grants from Vermont Community Foundation, CERF and donations from Winterfest, WHS and others. Barb and Anne met with Susan Bahmer from the State to plan the repair.

Barb announced the Vermont Historical Society will award Bob and Betty Jones a lifetime achievement award and WHS a merit award for the train station refresh project at the annual League of Local Historical Societies meeting on October 27th in Woodstock.

Jan presented a piece of slate chalk board that she salvaged from the Waterbury High School. She has large pieces stored in her garage and asked for suggestions as to what to do with them as a fund raiser. Ideas were discussed but no decision made.

The annual appeal letter was brought up. Last year Chris Palermo headed the 2017 drive. The letter was sent to the entire grand list with not a significant return (\$5,000. ?). It was decided to send the 2018 letter to those who contributed last year along with others who might give. Barb will draft a letter for review at the October meeting. Paul will furnish the names of the 2017 donors.

Jack will count the number of MMER rail pieces in inventory.

There was discussion about future meeting dates and times due to various schedules. Barb will contact Cheryl about what days and time work for her and report back.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Carter