

Waterbury Historical Society Board Meeting 11-15-19

Present: Barb Farr, Paul Willard, Steve VanEsen, Jan Gendreau, Anne Imhoff, Jack Carter and Grace Sweet
Copies to: Jim Walton, Betty Jones and Cheryl Casey

Minutes of October 18 – moved by Paul, 2nd by Steve: approved

Treasurer's Report: Paul Willard	Checking account:	\$22,554.09
	T. Rowe Price Mutual Fund:	\$88,113.97
	Capital Campaign:	\$27,361.30
	for a total of	\$138,029.36

The expense for the capital campaign mailing was \$317 for the brochures, \$165 for the postage and \$29.65 for supplies. The gross receipts were \$4835, net was \$4323. One donor gave \$3000. Our membership is growing.

\$514 was paid to Bob Butler to make both computers accessible to both scanners.

The cost for the Office Manager, LeAnne Viens is about \$6000 annually for 5 hours per week and for Sandy Hough, the cataloger at 10 hours per week, is about \$8500 annually. Both are doing very good jobs and making good progress on our collections.

Karen Steele has indicated that she is considering a contribution to support the WHS and wanted to know what our priorities. Discussion followed re: how much and for what specifically. What is the archival schedule? It is a priority to get the rest of the WHS items catalogued and archived and make accessible for the public to search. Should we hire a third person to speed up the process? Presently WHS has two climate-controlled storage units. Some items are too large to be stored elsewhere. Some items need to be deaccessioned including some textiles. Jan reminded the group that Elena Billado was a student trainee for two summers. She is now working on a graduate degree, but might be available in the future.) The publication of the book to update Waterbury's history is likely to be a big ticket item. Consensus: Ask Karen if she would be willing to consider a pledge for \$7,500 annually for three years to help support the WHS priorities. Related discussion: Do we need a **promotion committee**? Our PR is through posters for programs, Waterbury Record, WDEV and Front Porch Forum. Suggestion: we investigate paying for a weekly column in the Waterbury Record to generate more interest and exposure.

Newsletter deadline today. It is expected that it will go out mid-December.

Curator: Jack Carter - Jack will be leading a Global Campuses tour today of the History Center. Jack attended the N.E. Museum Alliance Conference in South Burlington in early Nov. He attended the following workshops: Inclusive Audience in Gallery Settings (mostly related to art museums), Giving Teachers What They Want (how to engage teachers) and It's Never too Early to Start Planning for the Holidays at Your Historic Site. Lots of young people were in attendance.

Women's Contributions – Theme for 2020 – the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote. Events could include honoring women in the Ghost Walk. Linda Radtke has a new program of Women's Suffrage Songs. Jack has the scrap book of Women from Waterbury which was compiled in 2007. Perhaps pages could be added. He plans to make a display of some of the honored women.

Program Committee – 50 folks attended the October 22 program on local cemeteries. Perhaps a survey could be devised to ask for feedback following a program and/or suggestions for upcoming programs. The January 22nd program will be on the Electric Railroad presented by Skip Flanders.

Outreach Education Committee: The book committee has contacted History Press/Acadia Press in re: to publishing the book that is in progress. Monthly events have been set up for folks with the Senior Center. Most of them are on the third Friday of the month. (List added to these notes). The OEC has prepared a scavenger hunt for elementary students at the History Center.

There is no WHS BOD meeting. The Annual report and the budget will be prepared for the Jan. 17th board meeting. Notes by Grace Sweet

Outreach Education Committee

November 6, 2019

Jodi Lavanway, Director of the Waterbury Center Senior Center introduced Jane Willard, Skip Flanders, Margo Sayah and Grace Sweet, members of the Waterbury Historical Society. We joined the Seniors for lunch and then we spoke about possibilities for programs that might be of interest to Seniors.

Following the meal Jodi, Jane, Skip, Margo and Grace brainstormed a schedule and programs which follow – all events to be on Fridays at 1:00 following the noon meal at the Senior Center.

November 22 – Thanksgiving traditions and memories led by Margo at the Center

December 13 – Postcards from the area – Skip – at the Center

January 17 – DVD of the train art on the railroad bridge at the Center

February 14 – van tour of Waterbury – led by group

March 13 – sharing family artifacts – at the Center – led by Margo

April 10 – Waterbury Historical Center at the Janes Building – led by group

May 15 – CCC Camp Smith and Waterbury Dam van tour – Margo and others

June 12 – van trip on back roads pointing out former farms etc. – Grace et al

September 18 – van trip to History Museum in Montpelier – Grace

October 9 – Foliage tour by van – group

November – TBA/reflection

The committee will meet at the History Museum Wed., Nov. 13 at 1:00 to finalize plans for programs for school students.