

Waterbury Historical Society Board Meeting

May 29, 2020

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

Minutes of 4/24 were approved following a correction: the nominating committee consists of Jane Willard, Jack Carter and Jan Gendreau, but not Anne Imhoff. Jim moved to approve and Jack seconded.

Treasurer: Paul Willard - There is \$29,760.00 in the checking account. There were expenses for an external flash drive, stamps and some letters. \$100 was received from Calvin Dow and \$25 from the Queen Esther Chapter of the Eastern Star. There is \$88,867 in the T. Rowe Price account and \$31,174 in the Capital Campaign for a total of \$149,802.55. Downloading of the thirteen years of the Waterbury Record is ongoing. Barb will follow up. Two big boxes of Derby Ball business correspondence have been donated by Anne Bedell, Bill Mason's daughter. He was the last owner of Derby Ball.

Annual Meeting: The summer meeting which was scheduled to be held at the Bryan house on Maple Street has been postponed for a year. Mark and Connie Tuft are in CA and are uncertain when they will be here. Additionally, we would not be able to go into the house due to COVID19. The plan now, is to hold the annual meeting at the beginning of the October 21 meeting, prior to Howard Coffin's presentation.

Nominating Committee: Jack, Jane and Jan – Jim made a motion to keep all members in place until the next group meeting – maybe October. Jan seconded. Approved.

Program Committee: Betty Jones reports that Skip Flanders will become a new member of the committee and will serve with Betty and Josette Metayer-White. We thank Camille Mason, Cheryl Casey and Anne Imhoff for having served on the program committee.

Newsletter: Cheryl Casey – needs an updated mailing list. Paul will send it to her along with the latest donations of artifacts. Anne asked Cheryl to post a notice in the Waterbury Roundabout re: the cancelation of the July meeting. (The Roundabout is looking at grants.)

Outreach Education: Jane Willard – the book committee sent 300 letters to businesses and organizations asking for articles and feedback about the last 25 years to be included in a book which is in the process of being written. The letter will be included in the newsletter and on the Roundabout. WDEV is collecting inspirational stories re: COVID19. The book group will meet June 14 at Steve van Esen's. They will focus on specific committee members to write stories.

Women in Waterbury Exhibit: Jack Carter – The Steele Room will be open on June 16 for the vote on the Harwood School District, so, folks will be able to get a glimpse of the exhibit. Barb will make a flyer re: WHS for folks to take. Cheryl has made two videos of six of the women so far. Jack is collecting artifacts to augment the exhibit. Linda Kaiser is thrilled that her grandmother, Lizzie Abare is included as one of the honored women. She had twelve children, four of them still living including Richard Abare who just turned 100.

Dr. Janes cemetery plot has been cleaned up. Jack has engaged Evergreen Gardens to do some plantings around the grave site. He has received pledges for \$250 to help defray the \$600 cost. He will compose a plea for the newsletter and the Roundabout. Jim made a motion that will contribute \$350 for the cause if needed, Grace seconded. We will see what the plea brings. Dr. Janes died 110 years ago.

Next meeting: Friday, July 31 at 11:00. We hope to meet together outside.