

Waterbury Historical Society Board Meeting

November 20, 2020

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

Minutes of October 23. Strike the sentence stating that the Women in Waterbury was part of a statewide project. Paul Willard moved to accept the minutes, Jim Walton seconded. Approved. commmgr.whs is a Google website designated solely for the Historical Society and can be passed on to future officers. It will include files and other pertinent historical material.

Treasurer's Report: Paul Willard - The Annual Appeal has brought in \$3240 and more will likely come. There is \$32,052 in the checking account, \$100,872 in the T. Rowe Price investment account and \$30,315 in the Capital account for a total of \$163,340.17. No new members.

Curator: Jack Carter The deassessment committee will now meet at the storage units because the Town Officers are closed again because of COVID-19. They are planning to organize a yard sale next summer with items that are duplicates or extraneous.

There are about 100 hard covered copies of the book, **Bridges**, and 35 soft-covered. There are lots of copies of the Waterbury Civil War Volunteers and a lot of the books that Kevin Eurich wrote.

Bridgeside (Hiata DeFeo) returned the WHS books that had been on display at the book shop. Jan will ask the new owner, Katya d'Angelo, if she would be willing to sell our books.

Wish list – old style slide projector. Cheryl will put a note in the newsletter. Jack may have a lead on one. He does have some carrousel.

The Society has lots of news clippings and papers including the original Waterbury Record. Anne has a complete set of Exit 10. Does the Secretary of State have digitized copies of those papers as well as the Times Argus. What the state has is not indexed. Should Exit 10 be put on Past Perfect? Cheryl is putting the recent Waterbury Record on Past Perfect.

Betsy Ayers Shapiro has some family items to donate.

Outreach – Book Committee: Jane Willard - The committee is nearly ready to hire a production assistant which will be a contracted position. Cindy Parks is in charge of the application process. They will next meet on Nov. 22 via ZOOM. They have received about 50 excellent submissions for the book.

The **Senior Center** has been closed since March, however, Meals on Wheels are being delivered to about 80 folks. Many recipients are quite isolated and lonely. The new chair of the Senior Center, Justin Blackmun and the Board have given the Outreach Committee permission to include mystery photos with the lunches. The thought is to give small gifts and perhaps one of the Eurich books at a later date.

Newsletter: Cheryl Casey – the deadline will be Dec. 1.

Gift: Barb Farr is stepping down after three and one half years as president. Jan Gendreau wove a towel for her and the group presented her a gift certificate to the Evergreen Gardens center.

Notes by Grace Sweet