

Waterbury Historical Society Board Meeting July 20, 2021

Present: President, Cheryl Casey, Paul Willard, Jan Gendreau, Bill Woodruff, Betty Jones, Margo Metayer, Anne Imhoff and Grace Sweet Copies to Jim Walton and Carla Lawrence

A check for \$500 was presented to WHS to help defray the costs of the new history book from Revitalizing Waterbury. Presenters were Karen Nevin, Laura Parette and others.

Minutes of the June 15th meeting were approved – motion made by Paul, 2nd by Jan.

Guests – Barb Farr and Theresa Wood presented an idea for the future. Paul made a motion to explore options, Bill seconded. Approved for Barb and Theresa to return with more details.

Treasurer's Report: Paul Willard – Checking account balance, \$41,136.96; T. Rowe Price, \$114,080.25 and the Capital Campaign, \$30,775.70 for a total of \$185,992.91. Jack Carter was on the T. Rowe Price account. Cheryl volunteered to become a co-signer with Paul. Bill moved, Grace 2nd. Approved. The Board members signed a Corporate Resolution to send to T. Rowe to make the change. Membership is 226.

In the last six months Leanne Viens has been paid \$1400.74. Sandy Hough has been paid \$2429.72. Sandy keeps a log of what she has done under her computer. Her computer is old – Windows 8. Bob Butler worked on it for an hour and a half for \$172. He suggests that we purchase a new one – will wait until Windows 11 comes out this fall.

A microphone stand is needed for Jack's service. We will borrow one from the town.

Outreach and Education – Margo Metayer – flyers with historical information are being sent to Meals on Wheels recipients once a month. The group will present a program at the Senior Center about Don Fields and the Pony Boys on Friday, September 17. They hope for a foliage tour in October. Hope to interview Vietnam Vets.

Programming: Betty Jones – About 30 people attended the potluck picnic at the Bryan Farm on Maple Street. Betty, unfortunately, was unable to attend, but had made the arrangements in advance including a tent, tables, ice cream and brownies. Mark Tuft spoke about the Bryan family and many toured the house.

Howard Coffin is scheduled to present a program on Vermont Women and the Civil War on October 27 at 7 p.m. in the Steele Room. This is through the Vermont Humanities.

Past Perfect: Jan Gendreau – Leanne Viens wants to go back to the beginning and start over because it is hard to retrieve items. Data has not been entered in a consistent way – tags are inconsistently named. The consensus is that a manual for Past Perfect needs to be created. Paul will contact Past Perfect to set up a course. Entries into Past Perfect began in 2013.

Curator: Paul moved that Jan Gendreau and Laura Parette become interim co-curators. Bill seconded. Paul will ask Laura (she is a graphic designer).

Need a new board member and someone to help with assessment and deassessment.

The **Vermont Historical Society** has invited WHS to display the Women in Waterbury exhibit (created by Jack Carter) in the Historical Museum in Montpelier from November through January.

The **Service for Jack Carter** will be Sunday, August 29 at 2 at the Rusty Parker Park. Speakers will be David Shultz, Jan Gendreau, Jim Carter, Theresa Wood, a representative from the 251 Club and Ted.

Donations from Karen Steele to Bill Woodruff for WHS: some decals for Steele's propane trucks, a scythe and snath and the fly wheel from the elevator at V. L. Perkins Furniture store.

Next meeting: August 17 at 4:30 in the Steele Community Room

Notes by Grace Sweet