

Waterbury Historical Society Board Meeting

January 17 in the Steele Room at 4:30 p.m.

Present: President Cheryl Casey, Joe Camaratta, Jan Gendreau, Anne Imhoff, Skip Flanders, Jill Chase, Anne Imhoff, Bill Woodruff, Laura Parette, Mike Maloney in person and Grace Sweet by ZOOM

Copies to: Karen Petrovic, Sandy Hough, Margo Sayah, Josette Metayer, Betty Jones, and Betsy Shapiro

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
Minutes of Nov. 15 by Jill	Jan moved to accept the minutes and Joe seconded.	<i>Approved</i>
Finances: Joe Camaratta	<p>End of year summary: See reports</p> <p>Joe has not opened an interest bearing account for the checking account.</p> <p>There were 150 responses to the Annual Appeal. There were 59 new members – total receipts: \$8,775.93, the goal is \$10,000. The cost of each newsletter is about \$2.00, so we about break even with a \$10.00 membership.</p> <p>Joe made a motion to change the language to simplify the membership form to read that an online newsletter is automatic with a donation, if a printed and mailed newsletter is preferred it would be an additional \$10.00. Jill seconded.</p>	<i>Joe</i>
Hanging system	Joe made a motion to take funds from the Capitol Campaign to pay for the installation of hanging system in the Steele Room – over \$1000. Jan seconded.	<i>Approved</i>
Storage at Sir Richard's	We pay \$200 per month to Sir Richard's (Woodward) for storage. The town reimburses us.	
Email alternatives for better avenue to contact donors: See attachment	Joe made a motion to subscribe to Mail Chimp. Anne seconded.	<i>Cheryl has volunteered to provide content.</i>
Program: Skip Flanders	<p>A reception in the Steele Room for George Woodard and his exhibit will happen on Sat., Feb. 3 at 1 p.m. during the Winterfest. George wants to show a short video in conjunction with the event.</p> <p>Vermont for the Vermonters: The History of Eugenics in the Green Mountain State by Mercedes Guardiola will be presented on March 7 at 6:00. It is presently scheduled for the SAL room in the Library. The feeling is that that space is too small, so Cheryl will arrange for the Steele Room for the event.</p> <p>Possible programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Waterbury parades power-point by Skip, >Paul Heller, a possible speaker, a historian from Barre. >100th anniversary of the Vermont State Parks: we have the Waterbury Reservoir plus the remains of the CCC camp. 	<i>Jan, Jill, and Laura will make cookies. Donations will be accepted. Cheryl will send posters to Skip and Grace</i>

Outreach	<p>Margo Metayer and Skip worked on a list of veterans from Waterbury who might have been in Vietnam. Need to determine who might be willing to be interviewed, need interview protocol and a list of interview questions. Cheryl has some good audio equipment. Video?</p> <p>How to connect with schools?</p>	<p><i>Long term goal – to upload to Past Perfect</i> <i>Jan will check with Jane and Paul about the equipment they used.</i></p>
Strategic Planning – Sat. January 13, 2024	<p>Thirteen attended: Cheryl Casey, Skip Flanders, Joe Camaratta, Bill April, Anne Imhoff, Jan Gendreau, Jill Chase, Betsy Shapiro, Margaret Moreland, Marieta Warnstedt, Betty Jones, Mike Maloney and Grace Sweet</p>	<p>Cheryl will write up a report</p>
Mike Maloney: History Center and Collections	<p>See attached report. Working on the vertical files. There will be an assessment of textiles: how to store, what to keep. Some extra or irrelevant items should go to Merrill’s Auction House. A student and his mother came to gather info about Dr. Janes.</p>	<p><i>Newsletter archive for the February meeting</i></p>
Newsletter: Laura Parette	<p>What to put on front page? Update on Annual Appeal? George’s exhibit and interview? Mercedes Guardiola: Vermont for Vermonters?</p>	<p>Laura and Board Content due on Feb. 8</p>
Lifetime Achievement Award	<p>The League of Local Historical Societies and Museums annually awards deserving folks. It was decided to honor Paul and Jane Willard at the November meeting.</p>	<p>Cheryl</p>
Cords and hangers	<p>More were needed for the cords and hangers for George’s exhibit. Who should reimburse Whitney Aldrich?</p>	<p>Anne will talk to George.</p>
Additional items	<p>Writing thank you notes for all who gave to the Annual Appeal.</p>	<p><i>Joe, Jan, Grace, and Jill TBD by Joe</i></p>
Next meeting	<p>Wednesday, February 15 at 4:30 in the Steele Room</p>	
Meeting Adjourned	<p>at 6:25</p>	
Secretary’s Minutes	<p>Notes respectfully submitted by Grace Sweet</p>	