

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

NLHS Board Meeting

In attendance: Kelli Bogan, Maggie Ford, Tom Little, Maureen Strachan, Linda Jaggard, Clara Sheehy, Jeremy Bonin, Tom DeMille, David Royle, Sandy Schmid, Debbie Hall

Absent: Ellen Chandler, Lori Lauridsen, Sue King

Meeting called to order at 5:09pm

Introduction of new board member Sandy Schmid

Secretary's Report-Kelli Bogan

- Corrections to last months minutes
 - Woodland houses to Scytheville factory village on Jim's program information
 - Clarify the pamphlet information re graphic design class. Add Sandy's last name.
 - Schwab with one b.
- Tom DeMille moved to accept as corrected. Tom Little seconded. Approved unanimously.

Treasurers Report-Tom Little

- In process of justifying changes accountant provided with changes that Tom made. This should be cleaned up for next month.
- Need to clarify with Carol as to what she is receiving and that the contract verbiage is appropriate for both non-profits and weddings
- Income and Expense has same justifying occurring.
- Anything that comes in from now until July 1 will be applied to next year (re: membership)
- Will see if deficit is as accurate as is currently showing or if this will be adjusted after tweaking. Some of this is overspent, i.e. Harvest Weekend
- Tom will send out an updated budget for review once the issues have been resolved
- Need to have a meeting with Paula to work out the kinks

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- Will table until next month to vote and will focus on the budget entirely next month

Preliminary Budget Discussion-Tom Little

- Tom Little asked that people review the annual budget. Building rental should probably be raised to \$9000 and 5180 should possibly be budgeted around the same.
- Interested to know what the Tuesday gang things expenses will be.
- The other major issue is events
- Could also raise our expectation of membership
- This discussion will be deferred to June and Tom will send proposed budget before next meeting. Please send Tom any feedback you may have.

Committee Reports

Collections and Exhibits-Maggie Ford

- Display in the Tracy library in April on identification of older tools, etc. received a great response. The one unidentified item will be featured in Soonipi Magazine
- Two mini exhibits: recent acquisitions and musical instruments; exhibit on tools of the trades as a possibility for later in summer
- Colby-Sawyer willing to loan President Everett Woodman's gun to the historical society

New Hampshire History Network-Maggie Ford

- Digital gateway
- Collections database, narrative timeline, primary resource tools
- One of ten database testers with up to 100 images
- First training session attended
- Have an opportunity to sell items through the site

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- Maggie will check if there is any publicity-if we are allowed to do it or if they have publicity, etc.

Membership-Debbie Hall

- Expand who we reach out to
- Include membership form in newsletter
- Can give an ad as a filler for when there is a blank space
- Membership letter edited and ready to go. Needs form on back of letter (will speak to Maggie)-May want to do a tear off on the bottom on a larger piece of paper. Maggie will create something for Debbie.
- Should we have a pre-addressed envelope in the future? Will try to do this for this go round. Linda will help out
- Group learning how to use the membership database
- What other volunteer positions: data entry, board memberships, etc.

Docents-Debbie Hall

- A lot of our past docents say they can't do it anymore (health, disinterest, other constraints)
- Do have some new docents
- Have a reduced, less experienced group of docents
- Please promote docents via word of mouth, Debbie would like at least 8 more
- Debbie Hall asks should we be open on Tuesdays? Or should it be limited to group tours? We have already advertised and should push groups to Tuesday.
- Put facebook ads up on Tuesdays and Sundays. Groups eblast and website.
- Please email both Debbie and Kathy in regards to docent issues

Programs-Linda Jaggard

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- Good turn out for dessert social on Colby-Sawyer
- programs in June: wit and wisdom (6/24), (6/22) woodland houses
- Young at Art. Over 350 pieces of art, approximately 240 kids. In future only ask for one piece of art. Winning art was displayed at the library for a week and a half. Were people who wanted to buy some of the games. We might consider buying and selling those.
- Fourth grade open house very successful.
- Should do membership mailing to Young at Art families-consider kids pricing, kids membership

Updates

Alive in New London-Maureen Strachan

- Working on it, skits, food, and sponsorships. Please send suggestions to Maureen. Need someone to play general store proprietor.

History Camp-Maureen Strachan

- Moving along. Feedback from 4th graders. Met with Jon Tilley. Had offers of assistance. Next step will be a steering committee. Next year for period of two weeks. Please send suggestions to Maureen.

Hospital Day Parade

- Theme is dancing through the decades
- Hay wagon or other vehicle
- cost of horses
- Sandy Schmid will set up a meeting. Maggie, Maureen, etc.-Sandy will send out an email to Maggie.

Meeting adjourned at 6:49.