

NEW LONDON HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Board Meeting October 28, 2015

Minutes

Present: Roger Smith, Chair, Jack Adams, Jeremy Bonin, Emma Crane, Tom deMille, Justin Garcia, Debbie Hall, Linda Jaggard, Sue King, Laurie Lauridsen, Tom Little, David Royle, Kevin Scarlett, Clara Sheehy, Maureen Strachan; also attending Patty McGoldrick, Executive Director

Absent: Sandy Schmid

The meeting began at 5:10 pm.

The minutes of the July and September Board meetings were accepted as modified.

Tom Little presented the Treasurer's report. He noted that the income results had been adjusted downward by \$8,000 to reflect the split of proceeds with the Lauridsen family.

With respect to the investment committee, Tom moved to change the signing authority on the Schwab accounts to Roger, Linda and Tom L., with the signatures of two out of the three required for transactions. The motion was approved. Roger then moved that Tom Little become the chair of the investment committee, in place of Andy Hager, and the motion was approved.

Clara reported on the program planning. One program is set for January 12 and another for February 9. The committee is exploring other possibilities. They hope to have a program every Sunday in the summer. They have located a farrier to demonstrate shoeing horses and also a shepherd.

David Royle reported that Reflections was a great success. We grossed \$48,000 and had \$10,989 in expenses, resulting in a net of \$28,620.

Maureen and Patty reported on plans for the Holiday Open House. They are looking for baked goods and crafts to be sold in the general store. Karen Hoagland will be in charge of baked goods and Maggie Ford in charge of crafts. Hospitality will offer chili and cornbread in the meeting house, in addition to the usual sandwiches and cookies, and Board members were asked to provide pots of chili. Maureen asked people to think about items to donate to the silent auction, such as nice art work and quality hand-made items. They have commitments for 20 items at this point. They also plan to make up baskets to be raffled. Jody Cooper has the music already organized.

Patty announced that we have a Colby-Sawyer intern working on the Holiday Open House. She and another CSC student will handle parking and directing people to buildings. YCN will also be taping the Open House.

Patty also announced that we have received two new carriages from Anne-Marie Perillo, which we can use for photo ops. We can also sell the carriages should we wish to do so. Tom Little added that the Abbott-Downing Society has seven new vehicles and has asked whether we could store some of them. The consensus was in favor of taking the vehicles, which could be on display for the Holiday Open House.

Laurie reported that plans for the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on November 15 were well underway. Everyone has been assigned a dish to bring.

Roger announced that they have found substantial rot inside the walls under the north windows of the Lauridsen Building. The rotted area needs to be replaced entirely and the building committee would like to get that done before winter. The total cost for painting the LAB is estimated to be \$13,800, including stripping the present lead paint. The emergency repairs to the wall would be an additional \$6,500. It was moved, seconded and unanimously VOTED that we do the wall repairs.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Hall, Secretary