

NEW LONDON HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Board Meeting November 18, 2015

Minutes

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

Absent: Jeremy Bonin, Tom deMille

The meeting began at 5:15 pm.

Tom Little presented the Treasurer's report. There were various points of information concerning personnel costs. The executive director salary as presented is not correct. Mary Fenelli is now an hourly payroll employee. Tom noted that the budget is sufficient to cover her salary, in particular because we are not using the funds allocated for a bookkeeper. (Tom is currently doing the bookkeeping.)

Roger reported that more rot has been found in the gable of the Lauridsen Acquisitions Building, which will be repaired.

Patty announced that the Raise the Roof fundraising letters have gone out.

Maureen reported that the Holiday Open House planning is well underway and that there was nothing special to report.

Roger led a discussion of possibility of new initiatives for 2016. These include:

- A retail operation, the location of which is TBD
- A possible April vacation camp focused on art, inspired by our biannual Young at Art program
- Tablet guides to the village. There will be filming during the Holiday Open House in connection with preparation of the guide content.
- Recruitment of business members. Possible business member benefits might include discounted individual memberships or free rentals of the Meetinghouse.

David Royle is working on a summer fundraiser focused on the dedication of the gallery portion of the LAB to Sherrie Ensign.

Roger is working on upgrading our restroom facilities. There is now a handicapped-accessible toilet in the Meetinghouse.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Hall, Secretary

