

NEW LONDON HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Board Meeting February 24, 2016

Corrected Minutes

Present: Roger Smith, Chair, Tom deMille, Justin Garcia, Debbie Hall, Linda Jaggard, Sue King, Laurie Lauridsen, Tom Little, David Royle and Sandy Schmid; also attending (via Skype) Patty McGoldrick, Executive Director

Absent: Jack Adams, Jeremy Bonin, Emma Crane, Kevin Scarlett, Clara Sheehy, Maureen Strachan

The meeting began at 5:20 pm.

The minutes of the October, November and January meetings were approved.

Tom Little presented the Treasurer's report, noting that \$700 had already been received for business memberships. The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Committee Reports:

1. Program: Justin gave an update on plans for the summer. There will be several themes: farming/animals, games and crafts, sports and 19th C. living. Among the possible activities are shoeing horses, presentations on lumberjacking, trapping and bee-keeping; a princess tea party; a scavenger hunt, a kite-making and paper airplane day; and a whittling workshop. We may also participate in the Garden Club's 50th anniversary antique show on July 23 by providing Anna Littlefield's buggy for display, possibly followed by an Anna Littlefield day at NLHS on July 24.
2. LAB: Laurie gave an update on the LAB function the weekend of September 16-18. The Friday night event will be by invitation only and will include a silent auction. We have decided not to sell bricks for a walkway because they are not consistent with our period and the village setting. The event will also include dedication of a plaque listing our sponsors and underwriters. We also hope to have some of Dr. Anna Littlefield's paintings on display in the Maude Swift Gallery. On another matter, Laurie added that upon receipt of the anticipated memorabilia from the Littlefield estate, we plan to set up the borning room in the Scytheville House as Dr. Anna's medical office.
3. Retail: Laurie reported that she is scouting for New England-made items to be sold in the General Store. She is hoping to have the retail operation ready to go by opening day at the end of May.
4. Young at Art: The event will be May 15 from 1-4. Participants will be limited to one piece of art. The judges have been selected. The committee will solicit individuals for the prize money, to avoid tapping corporate donors twice in quick succession.

5. Summer camp: Publicity for the camp has begun and the application can be downloaded from the NLHS website. Nine artisans/presenters have been lined up. A question was raised about background checks for artisans/presenters. They are not legally required because presenters will not be alone with children, but it was felt that it would be best practice to do them anyway. Background checks are required for camp staff.
6. Collections: We have acquired a rivet forge from Cindy Crane, Bob and Emma Crane's daughter, and her husband Martin Generous.

Tom Little reported on his progress with the new tablets. Some links weren't working, and he is trying new ones. He encouraged the board to try out the tablet links. He also said that he has arranged for an introductory video.

Patty gave an update on the recruitment of business members, and encouraged board members to make follow-up calls to the businesses that have been solicited.

Roger announced that Lake Sunapee Bank has approved a \$100,000 line of credit, which will allow us to proceed with adding bathrooms. The septic design is complete. A motion was made and seconded to move forward with erecting restrooms to be attached to the back of the Phillips Barn. There was renewed discussion about the proposed location of the bathrooms. Other potential locations were reported either to be too expensive or to be unworkable for various reasons. The vote was called and the motion to erect the restrooms as proposed was APPROVED by a vote of 7 in favor, 1 against and 1 abstention.

Roger briefly reviewed the proposed maintenance schedule for 2016, which will focus on the Scytheville House, painting and sprucing up the grounds. This work is separate from the work of the Tuesday group.

Chairs are needed for 2016 events. Linda will do the 4th grade open house in May; Debbie agreed to co-chair Harvest Sunday on October 9 (second co-chair TBD) and Roger agreed to co-chair the Strawberry Festival on June 26 with Patty.

Patty announced that we will once again offer a \$10 special membership for the two-month period from the Barn dessert social to the end of the fiscal year.

It was voted unanimously to allow the Treasurer to sign checks for amounts of \$1,000 or less.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Hall, Secretary