

NEW LONDON HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Board Meeting September 23, 2015

Minutes

Present: Roger Smith, Chair, Jack Adams, 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, Emma Crane, Tom deMille

The meeting began at 5:20 pm.

Tom Little presented the Treasurer's report. He noted that we had received a \$5,000 grant from the Barnard Foundation for the proposed summer camps, and that we had just received an additional \$3,000. The Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

Roger then asked for a vote to give check-signing authority to himself, Tom Little, Clara Sheehy and Patty McGoldrick. A motion to that effect was made, seconded and passed. Tom then moved to give signing authority on the NLHS investment accounts to Andy Hager, chair of the investment committee, Roger, Clara and himself. After some discussion Tom withdrew the motion, to be revisited at the next board meeting.

David Royle reported that we have sold 175 tickets for Reflections. Over 60 original Bud Lauridsen paintings will be displayed and four will be auctioned, along with props appearing in the paintings.

Maureen reported that plans for Harvest Sunday were in good shape. There will be hearthside cooking, ice cream and cider making and a treasure hunt. The general store will be open with bartering for penny candy for the kids. Cutting Farm will be present with its bees.

The Holiday Open House will be the first Sunday in December, and is in need of a chair. Music planning is underway, Maureen will chair the silent auction again and Amber Gove will again chair the kids' craft tables. Maureen announced that NLHS will also be doing a room at the Fells for their holiday open days.

Clara reported that a meeting on programs for next year is scheduled for the end of October.

Roger gave a building update. The Lauridsen Building has its new roof and windows. The windows on the north side will be removed, because they are leaking and they can't be reached from the inside to be fixed.

Debbie Hall gave a brief description of the Raise the Roof Fund, which is our annual fund devoted to building maintenance and repairs.

Tom Little then described a project he has undertaken to provide tablet guides to the Village for visitors, which might be an alternative or an addition to docent-led tours. The project is in its very early stages. It was moved, seconded and voted to authorize Tom to proceed, although a source of funding has not yet been determined.

Other business: David Royle raised the question whether the Lauridsen Building should be renamed when completed; the question was deferred. The volunteer appreciation dinner will be held November 15.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Hall, Secretary