

New London Historical Society Board Meeting
November 20, 2013

Meeting called to order at 5:05pm.

In attendance: Maureen Strachan, Clara Sheehy, Sue King, Tom Little, Tom DeMille, Jeremy Bonin, Sandra LeBeau, Linda Jaggard, Deborah Hall, David Royle, Maggie Ford, and Janie Webster, and Kelli Bogan.

Lori Lauridsen, Ellen Chandler, and Roger Smith not in attendance.

Only change to the previous meeting's minutes was that the meeting day needed to change from Thursday to Wednesday.

Moved by Debbie Hall and seconded Tom Little on minutes of the Secretary. Approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report. Presented by Tom Little.

Tom reported that membership is a little low but should increase next month, expenses are a little less than budget so we are approximately \$1000 ahead on net income, and investments still looking strong.

Question by Maggie on Wells-Fargo, thought changing to Schwabb. Paperwork has been submitted. Information has been verified. Should be changing soon.

Question by Maggie on deficit budget from last month-what is rational for \$4000 deficit. Tom explains that got some folks who paid up their dues in the winter-accounting for possibility of it being a bubble last year. The membership projectory was adjusted.

A motion to accept by was given by Sue King. Seconded by Jeremy Bonin. Approved unanimously to accept treasurer's report.

Hardware/Software review. Presented by Maggie Ford.

Maggie explained that all of the current computers are hardwired and all over ten years old.

She put forth a proposal to replace the server, update Quickbooks, and add Microsoft Office to the main computer. It was also mentioned XP will not be supported after January 2014.

The cost of making these changes will be \$1200; there is a restricted grant of \$1000 that can be used for this purpose. Debbie said she will look into it further to see if the new version of Past Perfect has a better option for membership. Internet connectivity is in place including wireless. Tom/Kelli will work on setting up the server. Tom Little motioned to approve the improvements. Debbie seconded. Approved unanimously. Maggie will purchase the equipment.

Membership Committee. Presented by Deborah Hall.

8-10 people turnout at the focus group dinner. Those in attendance were interested in what was being done. There was a feeling that the Society is eclipsed by other organizations and activities. Realtors don't drive by with prospective home buyers. Ideas suggested include a strong feeling that should be doing more collaboration with the ice house, town, etc. and coordinate on hospital day events, perhaps food on Sunday of triathlon. See the handout for complete list. Proposed to everyone should review the handout (which will also be sent out electronically) and will be discussed at the January board meeting.

There will not be a new roof for the 2014; instead will continue to raise the roof fund with the Lauridsen building. Jeremy will see if someone can test the Lauridsen building for free for lead paint. In the future it will be 15 roofs, one each year (with exception of 2014).

Hope to get more membership renewals in and will have a Phone-a-thon in January on membership renewals. .

IRA available now-go in the letter. Debbie will get wording for eblast to Ellen and website to Kelli.

Programs. Presented by Clara Sheehy and Laura Jaggard.
Would like to make a bookmark for upcoming programs. Maggie will help them figure out.

Sunday afternoon an option for a time to do programming.

Docents. Presented by Linda Jaggard.

Need to say when our open days are going to be. Would like younger, newer docents and are looking for more.

Open days: Open on Tuesdays and Sundays from 1-4 and private tours by appointment.

Chamber would be glad to promote us-sponsor Heritage Trail with an endorsement from the chamber. Families will walk around while it being set up.

Planning to have docents in barn on 7th and 8th for the Transportation building open. Holiday house tour and boutique from the fells.

Could do programs on Tuesday afternoons.

Holiday Open House.

3/4 of way through for the refreshments. Clara, Maggie, Janie, Maureen, Debbie, offer to help with sandwiches. Kitchen help also needed. Debbie said she can help out. Sandra will send the list and information to the board.

Decorating. Different people to do different buildings. Wreaths/garlands etc. exterior will be Jeremy. Perhaps in the future could have it be different organizations in town do different buildings and perhaps there is a building competition. Interiors last year were Scytheville House, Transportation building, etc. Maggie will do boxes with Janie and Clara and Sue. Mannequins inside the door of Philips-mother and child. Mary Ellen-any room in the Scytheville. Foyer of the Transportation building will be done by us. Garden club ordered a bundle of greens in addition to wreaths. Will have greens for added decoration for inside and lots of greens and wreaths for outside. Meeting House minimal. Something simple in the school house (popcorn/cranberry). No trees in buildings. Jeremy is doing the general store with help from Maggie. Mary Ellen by Debbie and Chris Major by Maggie-a room in Scytheville House. David will pick up the smoke stuff. And get the cheeses and the bacon. And will bring iron pan. Kelli will help out in the general store.

Food and the general store. Pies, coffee breads, things to sell intact. Volunteers for general store: Maggie, Janie, Kelli. Jams and pickles. Will bring canning items (Kelli, Linda, and Debbie). Meats and cheese will be exactly same as at pig roast. Need to keep separate account of cheese and bacon day of.

Crafts are set for auction. Auction has about 30 items. Asked Colby-Sawyer students to help out. Will be two baskets that will be raffled (wine, cheese, etc; local craft beers, pizza, etc.).

Maureen. DBA Name.

NL Historical Village and Museum. Has to be filed with the Secretary of State. Will need to be filed by Maureen with Maggie's help. Include either Tom or Debbie. Follow up if we want to change our letterhead etc.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45pm.