

# Newport Historical Society

## Fundraising Committee Report for October 9, 2017

- 1) The Green Bridge and Little Red Schoolhouse ornaments have been well received. For 2018, the committee has decided on Leaping Lena as the subject. We may only do one ornament for next year. If we move forward with the 2019 bridge event as anticipated, we will want Joan working on this commemorative ornament.
- 2) Our post cards have been selling well with people taking the "3 for \$1.00" offer most of the time. We hope to add the two owl post cards soon making a total of 12.
- 3) We've had to reorder the owl note cards. Set B with the blue sky background seems to be the most popular; and, we've reordered twice at 20 sets each time. Set A with the gold sunset background has just now been reordered a second time. An appropriate set has been mailed to the participating photographers. We also have note cards of the Little Red Schoolhouse proof.
- 4) The 2017 Farmers Market ended this past Friday with total sales of \$1,426.45 for the season, up 28% (\$313.70) from 2016 total of \$1,112.75. All offsite venues were up this year.
- 5) We will be moving our offsite venue to the foyer of Sugar River Bank beginning November 3 & 4. There are 3 weeks in November and 4 in December. The Richards PTO Christmas Fair is unfortunately not being held this year. Twas Just Before Christmas is Saturday, December 9.
- 6) We sold the one trial tote bag selling for \$20 with the Corbin Bridge on it early in the day at the Apple Pie event. We have ordered 4 more, 2 with the same Corbin photo and 2 more with a new Corbin photo that we have used recently on pillows. Pillows need to also be reordered as we only have 1 Corbin and multiple Skating on the Common.
- 7) Our sales items include Streets books at \$8, On the Rocks glasses at \$7, 80 years of Carnival history at \$3, red camp mugs at \$8 and all Sunshine and Town shirts. They have been selling at the sales prices.

### **Membership Drive**

We ended our membership on 9/30/17 with 275 members, 15 more than 260 on 9/30/16. We currently have 174 renewed and new members. The merchants providing \$25 Gift Certificates are Grazi's/Newport Meat Market, Shaws, Huberts, LaValley's Building Supply and brunch for 2 at the Courthouse Restaurant. Since Revite will cease operation on October 31, the raffle drawing will be held at our November 13 Board meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline Cote, Fundraising Committee Chair