

Newport Historical Society
Executive Committee and General Membership Meetings
April 9, 2012 – 6:00 PM
Richards Library Ballroom

Attendees: Cathryn Baird, Paul Baird, Jackie Cote, Larry Cote, Jerry Hagebusch, Rita James, Laura Kessler, Christina O'Brien

1. Call to order at 6:00 PM
2. Heritage Committee Business – no business brought forward
3. Executive Committee Discussion: Jackie and Larry Cote were welcomed back by President Baird.
4. Old Business:
 - A. The Gables: A group toured the building in March and it was determined that a committee needs to be formed, to see if the acquisition of the property is feasible.
 - B. *Image Magazine*: President Baird has been in contact with *Image Magazine* and will be working on an advertisement to go in “The Day Tripper” portion of the magazine.
 - C. Curtains: The “Curtain Call” article from the April 6, 2012 *Argus Champion* newspaper, was shared with the group.
 - D. Museum Schedule: Volunteers are still needed for the museum.
5. New Business:
 - A. Glass cases: Larry Cote will look at glass display cases offered by Michelle Hamilton and will report on them at the next meeting.
 - B. Glass negatives: A motion was made and seconded that Larry Cote purchase materials to conserve the glass negatives with funds that were donated in 2006 by Evan Hill. This passed unanimously.
 - C. May program/NHS anniversary: In May the NHS celebrates its one year anniversary at the Nettleton House. The museum will be open on Monday, May 14th to celebrate this one year milestone. This will be the last opportunity for people to see the current exhibits.
 - D. Newsletter: May 1st deadline for article submissions.

The Executive Committee Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM to the General Membership Meeting.

The meeting opened with the membership reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Public Forum:

Jackie Cote shared sketches for this year's two Christmas ornaments (the train depot and the Fire House with the Dexter in front of it).

The NHS has been in contact with the Farmer's Market for a space for the upcoming season.

Ron Garceau is willing to let the NHS sell a reproduction of the 1909 "The Book of Old Newport."

It was suggested that the NHS use the original drawings from the ornament collection, to make note card collections to sell.

The 2nd mortgage payment will be paid in May 2012.

President Baird asked Peter Martin for copies of DVD's of the programs that he has recorded that have been given for the Newport Historical Society.

6. The treasurer's report was distributed and presented by Jackie Cote. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report. Vote unanimously in favor. Motion carried.
7. Motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the March 12, 2012 meeting. Vote unanimously in favor. Motion carried.
8. New Business: President Baird has a copy of a Sarah Josepha Hale cookbook, which is now in the public domain. She thought that the NHS might want to consider reproducing this.

Announcements: There will be an Open House on April 22, 2012, in honor of Newport resident, Jesse Scott, as his 104th birthday is celebrated. President Baird paid tribute to him and read the invitation to this event.

* At 7:00 PM the General Membership Meeting adjourned, after which * 17 members and * 8 guests enjoyed Neal Boucher's program *Civil War Re-enacting & Collecting*.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Kessler
Secretary

***Members present 4.9.12: Cathryn Baird, Paul Baird, Judy Berry, Bud Berry, Karen Bishop, Jackie Cote, Larry Cote, Craig Cowan, Jerry Hagebusch, Rita James, Laura Kessler, John McDonbough, Christina O'Brien, Stan Sweeney, Jane Rastallis, Andrea Thorpe, Barbara Yeomans.**

***Guests present 4.9.12: Kathy Boucher, Bill Heath, Lenora Heath, Matt Hemmig, Pat Hemmig, Pat Jagensen, Phil Langsdant, Dan Lloyd.**