

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

Attendees: Cathryn Baird, Jerry Hagebusch, Laura Kessler, Christina O'Brien, Dean Stetson, Stan Sweeney

1. Call to order at 6:10 PM
2. Public Forum – no business brought forward
3. Heritage Committee Business: President Baird spoke with Julie Collins and reported that there is nothing pending at this time.

4. Committee Reports:

Fundraising: Christina reported that as a courtesy, the museum gift shop will be selling the Newport Opera House Association's Memory Book for \$20.00. It was noted through Jackie's report, that all venues (Gallery of Gifts, bank and museum shop), were successful in selling products to benefit the NHS.

Membership: It was reported that the current membership level is 200 members. NHS members are asked to consider ways to reach out to new members.

Museum Committee: It was reported that Patrick O'Grady would like to do a research project on "The Whip and Spur." He will be contacting the NHS again in the spring. Protocol procedures for those researching the collection, needs to be determined. Christina brought forward the need for promoting and advertising the museum. Possible media outlets include: newspapers, "The Kearsarge Shopper," NCTV and local radio stations. Cathryn shared some public relations tips that Karen Bishop prepared for the NHS.

5. Old Business:

It was reported that attendance at the museum on Sundays has been very sparse.

6. New Business:

Accolades were given to Priscilla Hagebusch for an outstanding job on the recent newsletter that she acted as publisher for.

A "Fact Sheet" will be created to distribute at the museum as a promotional piece for the NHS.

It was discussed that the NHS would like to have student interns to help with work at the museum and with the collection. This topic will be continued in the future.

Dean Stetson presented the group with a copy of the promotional flyer for his March 12, 2012 presentation "The Newport 250th Discovery Challenge," which will also be created as a PowerPoint slide and sent to NCTV.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM to the General Membership Meeting, after which * 24 members and * 22 guests enjoyed Newc Eldredge's presentation of his time as a member of the 10th Mountain Division, during World War II.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Kessler
Secretary

*Members present 2.6.12: Bill Andrew, Shirley Andrew, Andy Andrews, Cathryn Baird, Paul Baird, Anita Cowing, Craig Cowing, Newc Eldredge, Jerry Hagebusch, Priscilla Hagebusch, Peter Irwin, Rita James, Laura Kessler, Jack Liberman, June Liberman, Peter Martin, John McCrillis, Kay McCrillis, Eeva Malool, Roy Malool, Christina O'Brien, Dean Stetson, Stan Sweeney, Barbara Yeomans.

*Guests present 2.6.12: Ed Baker, Phyllis Baker, Bill Bartlett, Heidi Bartlett, Karen Bishop, Gary Bublat, Patti Bublat, Adrienne Camfield, Linda Chmielewski., Dan Budd, Fred DeCamp, Connie Frappiea, Skip Nolin, Wendy Nolin, Jan Parker, Jim Parker, Sue Rell, Lynda Remish, Nathan Richer, Ellen Stetson, Gardiner Stetson, Nancy Whynall.