

Newport Historical Society
Executive Committee Meeting
November 14, 2011 – 6:00 PM
Richards Library Ballroom

Attendees: Cathryn Baird, Dottie Collins, Jackie Cote, Larry Cote, Jerry Hagebusch, Laura Kessler, Christina O'Brien

1. Call to order at 6:12 PM
2. Public Forum – no business brought forward
3. Committee Reports: Fundraising, Membership Drive, and Museum Committee Reports will be posted on the website.
4. Old Business:

Diana Piatrow rendering: Two card samples were shown by Christina. The one with the Christmas wreath will be printed as Christmas cards and sent out by the Executive Committee.

Jackie made a motion that 50 cards with envelopes (of the above rendering), be made at NLC. Seconded by Jerry. Vote unanimously in the affirmative. Motion carried.

Executive Committee members were asked to study the society's Constitution regarding any changes in Bylaws. Proposed changes and revisions need to come before the general membership thirty days before the intended vote.

Jackie received an email from a company that produces a gravestone cleaning solution. The Cemetery Committee will receive information on this.

Website Update: Members discussed making certain that address of the NHS is updated on online search engines (Google), etc..

5. New Business

Jackie is working on instructions for the newsletter.

Jackie informed the group that the following ornaments will be retired this year: Richards School, The Opera House and the 250th. Next year's ornaments

will be The Depot (with train and stagecoach, depicting a winter scene) and The Newport Fire Station (with The Dexter out in front). The ornament collection now includes 10 different designs.

The NHS will continue selling items at Sugar River Bank on Fridays and Saturdays during the holiday season every weekend except during Thanksgiving week.

Twas Just Before Christmas will take place on December 10th at the Newport Opera House from 4:00 – 8:00 PM. The NHS will have a booth as in past years.

Christina will be presenting a program on the Nettleton Family, the Nettleton House and the museum, at the December meeting.

Docents will be needed at the museum. Larry has put together information for docents and also information for self-guided tours. In order to have the museum open on Sundays, volunteers will be needed to staff the building.

Membership Drive: Jackie reported that the Membership Drive went out at the beginning of October. She feels confident that many of the nonrenewals will renew and we'll make the membership goal of 250.

The meeting was adjourned to the General Membership Meeting at 6:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Kessler
Secretary