

Newport Historical Society
Executive Committee and General Membership Meetings
December 10, 2012 – 6:00 PM
Nettleton House

Attendees: Cathryn Baird, Dottie Collins, Jackie Cote, Larry Cote, Jerry Hagebusch, Bidly Irwin, Rita James, Laura Kessler, Dean and Maura Stetson, Stan Sweeney

1. Call to order at 6:00 PM by President Baird. President Baird noted that this was the Society's first monthly meeting held at the museum.
2. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from the November 19th meeting. Vote unanimously in favor.
3. Treasurer Jackie Cote presented and reviewed the financial report of November 1, 2012 – November 30, 2012. In addition the following were reported on:

An explanation of the transfer of the \$500.00 to the Museum Committee for the future purchases of artifacts for the museum.

\$25.00 was sent to NET as a donation.

The Society's membership to the Chamber of Commerce and Revite were both renewed.

More magnets were ordered.

The annual charitable trust report for the state and the E postcard for the IRS have both been filed.

A motion was made by Priscilla and seconded by Rita, to accept the report as presented. Vote unanimously in favor.

4. Committee Reports:

- A. **Membership:** 177 members (72 haven't renewed for the current year. A reminder will be sent to these individuals after the first of the year.)
- B. **Fundraising:** Jackie reported that the sale of the note cards and books including "Old Newport," are doing well.

Priscilla brought up the t-shirt idea and Jackie said that she will meet with Jim Chrimes the first part of January 2013 to design a "Newport" shirt.

Jackie reported on the design ideas for next years' ornaments that she and Stan have worked on. The Newport "tiger," Parlin Field with a bi-plane and a snow sculpture from one of the Winter Carnivals.

President Baird expressed her thanks and appreciation to members whom have volunteered to sell NHS items at the bank.

- C. **Museum Committee:** Larry reported that there have been 60 donations this past year (ranging from one to dozens of items per donation).

Museum visitation: 35 visitors in October; 6 people in November.

Larry reported on the Preservation Workshop that he and Jackie attended in Concord, at the NH Historical Society. He shared some of the information that he learned regarding the restoration and preservation of items. It would be beneficial to have a chest freezer with the ability to go to – 20, as it would help to take mold and/or bugs out of small items.

David Christie approached the Society, asking if it would like to have about 700 of Sharon Christie's books that she wrote on the Corbin Bridge. The NHS would be able to sell them. Pricing was discussed as well as the need to go through the books to see their condition. The NHS will accept the books, but will need to go through them to determine which ones have not been damaged from being stored in a damp area. A motion was made and seconded to accept the books. This passed unanimously.

(The books will be kept in the old museum.)

5. Old Business:

- A. The roof over the front door is leaking. Rain gutters are needed and the bricks need to be repointed.
- B. Discussion took place regarding getting estimates for the roofing and the possibility of getting window replacements in the future.

6. New Business:

- A. Priscilla brought up her concern about the pine trees on Corbin Road that will be cut down. She would like to encourage people to replant white pine trees along the road. Larry took a document to Town Manager Brown, regarding a fund for the care of the trees.
- B. A motion was made and seconded that \$250.00 be made available to Larry to purchase more acid free boxes for storage. This was passed unanimously.
- C. The NHS will be one of the passport stamping stations for "Twas the Night Before Christmas." The Society will be handing out small bags of ribbon candy to the children and magnets to the parents. This will be held December 15th from 4-8 PM. Members were asked to volunteer for this event.
- D. Priscilla will create labels to put on the brochures.
- E. President Baird had Martha Naylor decorate the front of the house with wreaths and roping. This was done for \$80.00.
- F. Because of the change in the library's hours, we will need to reschedule meeting times and/or dates. A discussion took place. It was decided that the meeting of the Society would continue to be held at 6 PM on the second Monday of the month at the Nettleton House and that the programs would be held on Tuesday nights when the library is open until 8 PM.

- G. The group will begin looking at revising the by-laws and the importance of proper notification for any changes that might be made and the posting of this information. Members were asked to review the by-laws for the next meeting and to make notes regarding possible changes.
- H. It was also mentioned that the Society would like to consider having more of a town presence on the Board.
- I. Tom Shadis, a former Newport resident, has been very generous in his donations to the NHS. A motion was made and seconded to give him a life membership. This was passed unanimously.
- J. In recognition of Sharon Christie's many years of dedicated service to the NHS and the generous donation of books, a motion was made and seconded that David Christie and Sharon Christie (posthumously) be made life members of the NHS. This passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 14th at 6 PM at the Nettleton House.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Kessler
Secretary