

Newport Historical Society Board Meeting
September 9, 2013 – 6:30 PM
The NHS Museum – “The Nettleton House”

1. Call to order at 6:30 PM by President Baird.
2. Members present: Cathryn Baird, Dottie Collins, Jackie Cote, Larry Cote, Jerry Hagebusch, Priscilla Hagebusch, Rita James, Laura Kessler, Dean Stetson and Stan Sweeney.
3. Public Forum: Sixteen year old Patrick Henning discussed the capstone service project that he is working on at the Newport Historical Society through the mentorship of Larry Cote. Patrick is a Boy Scout and is working on earning his Eagle Scout honor. He foresees this project (cataloging military personnel and artifacts that are part of the NHS’ collection), taking 4-6 months to complete and has already cataloged 23 items. He is hoping to have local Scout troops and students who need community service hours, volunteering to help with this project.
4. The motion was made and seconded to accept the secretary’s report of the August meeting. This passed unanimously.
5. Treasurer Jackie Cote reported on the “Accounting Summary” from 8.1.13 – 8.31.13 and the Nettleton House Account Fiscal Year Ending 9.30.13. Report was accepted unanimously and was placed on file.

6. Committee Reports:

A. Fundraising:

Jackie Cote gave a report on behalf of the Fundraising Committee (please see attachment for full report).

B. Membership: 238 members

The Board was updated on gift certificates that have been given by local businesses for the membership drive for raffle prizes.

We currently have 238 members and would like to have “252” to match the town of Newport’s age.

C. Museum Committee:

Larry Cote gave a report on behalf of the Museum Committee (please see attachment for full report).

D. Public Relations, Marketing and Newsletter:

Priscilla shared the public relations sheet that was created for “A Week Back Through Time” – the September 15th walking tour from North

Newport to Kelleyville. In addition, she reported on submissions to a number of the local papers (*Eagle Times, Argus Champion and The Valley News*).

Dean discussed creating a video story about the NHS' ornaments.

October 1st is the deadline for the submission date for the article about Joan Dodge (ornament artist), for the newsletter.

7. Old Business:

A. **Apple Pie Craft Fair:** This was discussed earlier in the fundraising report by Jackie

B. **Bridge Video:** President Baird reported that she is waiting to hear back from Peter Martin about this.

Badges: The badges are still being worked on.

Business Stationary: Priscilla and President Baird will work together on this.

C. **Credit Card Research:** Research on this is ongoing.

D. **DAR Flag Presentation:** The presentation of the DAR's American silk flag with pole, back to the Reprisal Chapter, will take place on Saturday, September 14, 2013 at 1:00 PM at the NHS Museum.

E. **Roof Replacement/Bid outcome:** A contract has been made and signed with MacIntyre & Son Building, to shingle and repair the roof of the Nettleton House for \$6,100.00.

F. **Future Programs:** The October 22nd program will be presented by Steve Taylor, followed the next month by the November 19th program about Sarah Josepha Hale with Steve and Sharon Woods.

G. **Generous Gift:** A card to Igor Blake was signed by those present, to thank him for his generosity.

H. **Home Depot Donation:** Museum Director Larry Cote, is working on getting a donation from Home Depot.

I. **Kelleyville/North Newport Walking Tour:** The September 15th walking tour/program was discussed.

J. **Museum Schedule:** Volunteers are still needed. A suggestion was made to put an advertisement in local media (for example, the *Kearsarge Shopper*), making our need for volunteers known to the local communities.

8. New Business

- A. **Annual Meeting:** Treasurer Jackie Cote will work on a budget for next year, which she will present at the Society's November meeting.
 - B. **Billy B. Van:** The NHS has contacted Mr. Paul Rheingold and is waiting to hear back from him about his proposed memorial program.
 - C. **Corbin Bridge 20th Anniversary:** The group discussed the need to have a planning committee to begin the work and organization to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the rebuilding of the Corbin Bridge.
 - D. **Documentation of "Past Perfect":** Help is needed with the "Past Perfect" program. The Society has a need to have people trained to work this program and a suggestion was made of reaching out to the college community to find a college student who might be interested in doing this as an internship.
 - E. **Homecoming:** Newport's homecoming is September 28th. The NHS would like to participate and is looking for members to dress in historical costumes to walk with the Society's banner.
 - F. **Newport's Birthday Celebration:** October 6th, the NHS will open its doors to the community from 10 AM – 2 PM, in honor of Newport's 252nd year. Birthday cake will be served!
9. The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 14th at 6:30 PM at the Nettleton House/NHS.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Kessler
Secretary