

Newport Historical Society
Fundraising Committee Report for October 10, 2016

- 1) There are no more Jesse Scott books for sale. The two that Spunky Dodge had have been sold.

- 2) We have been notified by Jan McMahon, past Rotary President, that a check for \$500 for 5 wheeled carts will be forthcoming soon. We thank Rotary for their generosity.

- 3) There are now postcard stamps available to sell along with our post cards if anyone would like to purchase them. The USPO sells them for 34 cents; we will sell them for 35 cents. I have secured dimes and nickels to make change. There is an envelope in the museum pouch and the kit pouch appropriately marked containing the stamps and change.

- 4) The ornaments for the Gallery of Gifts have been tagged. The accompanying identification sheet from LAC is not available yet. Boxes still must be assembled to go with the ornaments. The entire ensemble is due at LAC at the end of this month.

- 5) In addition to our two new books, *BBV* and *Wheeler Diary*, Jane Dearden of Croydon Historical Society has been keeping me informed of progress in the printing of *The New England Inheritance* story of the Forehand family of Croydon. The story was developed from diaries left by the Forehand descendants and does contain references to Newport and Austin Corbin. I am working with Jane and Barbara Kresse on availability for NHS to sell the book, the profit being shared by both Societies. Descendents of the family are paying for the printing. A proof copy has been obtained from Town and Country Reprographics and a final proofreading is occurring this week with the hopes of going to print in the next couple of weeks.

- 6) The last Farmers Market was Friday, October 7. Our boutique at Sugar River Bank opens on Friday, November 4. That week will be a "Friday only" as the following day is the Richards PTO holiday event. We will also participate in *Twas Just Before Christmas* in the Opera House on Saturday, December 10 (always held on the 2nd Saturday in December).

7) We are urging people who are collecting the ornaments to check their collection to be sure that they are not missing any ornaments that are retired but are still available in limited quantities.

Membership Drive Fundraising

To date we have 157 paid ahead, Life, renewed and new members. On September 30 we ended the membership year with 260 members, three short of the prior year's record of 263.

Respectfully submitted,
Jacqueline Cote
Fundraising Committee Chair