

# Newport Historical Society

## Fundraising Committee Report for September 19, 2016

1) Coleen Hennig and colleague recorded the BBV program on August 9. The two recordings were edited and combined into one program. The cost for this was \$60. She gave us 3 CD's. One is in UDF (Universal Disk Format), one in MPEG format, one other file copy. We were not able to play any of them on our DVD player hooked to our TV. We also could only get Audio on our new computer. However, Dean was able to play them, so the problem is on our end. Not sure if it would be worth trying to sell some. Technology changes so quickly that others might have the same problem that we had.

2) We have ordered and received 35 copies of the BBV book in black & white that will sell for \$15.00.

3) We are out of the Jesse Scott books; however, I believe Spunky Dodge, friend of Maxine and NHS member, still has 2. Maxine has decided not to sell the two that she has in her possession. If you hear that anyone wants a copy, please have them get in touch with Jackie.

4) Terri Spanos has replaced Lake Sunapee Bank as a \$200 BBV color book sponsor. Lake Sunapee decided not to sponsor the book.

5) Jayna has completed the Jacob Wheeler Diary. We had 15 copies printed. They are selling for \$10 and are available at the museum or any of our offsite venues.

6) We received a check from Rotary for \$170 for two roll-around carts for the bound books of the Argus newspapers the Claremont Historical Society is donating.

8) A new, more complete copy of the Wheeler index is now available for \$15. Arnie Hebert has added spousal information on the right hand page.

9) I have asked Huberts if they would sponsor the newsletter for 2017 for \$400 and they have agreed. I will invoice them in January.

10) Helen Stamos has donated another 20 copies of her Greek's of Newport book. I have sent her a donation/thank you letter for tax purposes.

11) I have sent 8 samples of ornaments to LAC for the Gallery of Gifts jury approval. We have been approved again for this year. The eight include the three winter carnival ornaments plus Towle School, Newport House, Nettleton House, Eagle Block and Firehouse.

12) We've recently had a run on Towle School pushing our inventory dangerously low, so I ordered another 48 from Joan Dodge.

13) I have scheduled our Sugar River Bank foyer time beginning 11/4, 11/11-12, 11/18-19, 12/2-3, 12/9-10, 12/16-17 and 12/23 (maybe 24) depending on availability. Saturday, November 5, we will be at the Richards PTO holiday event as in past years.; so, only at the bank on Friday, November 4.

14) As mentioned above, we have signed up for the Richards PTO event on Saturday, November 5 from 9am to 3pm.

15) There are only 3 Friday's left for the Farmers Market this year, 9/23, 9/30 and 10/7. I have asked and been granted permission for us to have an additional table along the front of our booth. We have used this to display the shirts resulting in sales every week with the exception of this past Friday. We have asked permission to do that at the PTO which typically allows only 10' in the front of the booth. They will also accommodate our request.

16) Larry & Jackie Cote have volunteered to sponsor the October newsletter.

17) We have two new Corbin Bridge fall post cards, one from Venita Nudd and the other from Beth Rexford. We were unable to use the photo from Venita for the Little Red Schoolhouse as the image is not clear when transferred to the post card. We will attempt to get another photo this winter with snow on the ground. The white snow, red building and deep blue sky was stunning. Thanks to Ann Stout for her help with post cards from VistaPrint.

### **Membership Drive Fundraising**

Letters went out last week to current members, non-members (including those who have been past members but have not renewed). Separate special letters were also mailed to members who had previously renewed through 9/30/2017 and beyond and Life Members with appropriate wording for each of these two categories. These folks don't receive the membership drive letter but are still included in the raffle drive; and, I wanted them to know that plus who the merchant donors are. Also on the back, I included our "resume" of

accomplishments that appears on the back of the membership drive letters with a few changes to the top and bottom as appropriate since we are not soliciting membership from them. Renewals are coming in already.

We currently have 259 members, and need four more by 9/30/16 to equal 263 members that we had at 9/30/15 year end.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jacqueline Cote  
Fundraising Committee Chair