

Newport Historical Society Monthly Board Meeting
Monday, July 11, 2016
The Nettleton House

1. **Call to Order** by President Cathryn Baird at 6:35 p.m.
2. **Members Present:** Cathryn Baird, Jackie Cote, Larry Cote, Jerry Hagebusch, Priscilla Hagebusch, Jayna Hooper, Rita James, Dean Stetson, Stan Sweeney.

Public Present: Arnie Hebert

3. **Public Forum:**

- Bruce Davison is doing well. Bruce is an expert on the Claremont-Concord Railroad who has spoken at numerous Historical Society programs, and he is a good friend of many on the NHS board.
- Louise Crone-Russell, Newport's 1946 Winter Carnival queen, is delighted that she has been featured on Newport's 100th annual Winter Carnival commemorative ornament. She recently sent a note of thanks to the NHS board.
- Marie Bugbee, a supporter of the NHS, is celebrating her 94th birthday this week.

4. The **Treasurer's Report** was handed out by Jackie Cote, with the following account summaries:

- i. Accounting Summary of 6/1/16 - 6/31/16
- ii. Main Operating Account, Fiscal Year ending 9/30/16: *June 2016 Income and Expenditures were reviewed.*
- iii. Nettleton House Account, FY ending 9/30/16: *June 2016 income/expenditures reviewed.*
- iv. NHS Budget Comparison Operating Acct. – Income, 10/1/15-9/30/16: *June 2016 income reviewed.*
- v. NHS Budget Comp. Operating Acct. – Expenses, 1/1/15-9/30/16: *June 2016 expenses reviewed.*
- vi. NHS Budget Comp. Nettleton Acct. – Income, 10/1/15 – 9/30/15: *June 2016 sales/donation income reviewed.*
- vii. NHS Budget Comp. Nettleton Acct. – Expenses, 10/1/15 – 9/30/15: *June 2016 building expenses reviewed.*
- viii. Farmers' Market / Apple Pie Craft Fair 2012-2016: *Comparison of revenue reviewed.*

The report was not discussed due to time constraints due to an unanticipated event involving some leading members, and will need to be approved at the August meeting.

Jackie had a discussion with Igor Blake concerning his generous **endowment** gift of \$5,000, and Mr. Blake is supportive of the money being placed in a short-term CD. When the CD matures in November, a further discussion about will take place as to how best to invest this money, along with another endowment gift of \$5,000.

5. The **Minutes** of the June 13, 2016 meeting were moved by Larry and seconded by Jerry. They were approved unanimously.
6. The **Fundraising Report** was given by Jackie Cote.
The NHS has refreshed its supply of **notecards**, including assortments A and B, the Court House, Corbin Covered Bridge, and Skating on the Common. Sets 3 and 4 of the vintage post cards have also been resupplied.

Jackie is waiting to hear from Ron Garceau concerning the viability of working with Town and Country printing in Concord for further reprints on the “**Finns**” **book**. Ron has requested that the printing of the “Finn” books become the responsibility of NHS.

Eight (8) more **Jesse Scott books** were made available to the NHS by Maxine Houle to sell for her. All proceeds of these eight books will go to Maxine Houle. All checks should therefore be made out to **Maxine Houle**.

Jackie is in the process of reordering **20 quart-size crocks**.

Sales are down at the Farmer’s Market, partly due to a few Fridays in which the fundraising committee had other obligations, and partly due to very hot weather and lower crowd size.

Rita moved to accept the Fundraising Report; Stan seconded the motion. The report was accepted unanimously.

7. The **Museum Report** was given by Larry Cote.

The museum had 27 visitors sign the guest book for the month of May. The museum is looking forward to hosting the Class of 1960 on July 30th from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. as part of their class reunion.

The museum made two **(2) artifact purchases** this month: white powder to simulate milk in milk bottles, and a thermometer from a local grain store. Five individuals **donated items** to the museum as well, totaling upwards of 143 items.

The museum is always looking for docents to volunteer on Sundays at the museum. A discussion ensued about how we could interest more people in serving as docents – A recruitment campaign? A publicity campaign in the school system? Publicly thanking docents in the newsletters? Personally inviting “good fits” for learning about the museum with another board member docent on a given Sunday. It was mentioned that it is most ideal for the museum to have two people on duty: volunteers from the public should not think that they would be the only ones at the museum on any given Sunday.

Arnie Hebert volunteered to work with the NHS computer, to make sure appropriate upgrades have taken place and to assist with the Past Perfect program. Thank you to Arnie for his willingness.

8. **Old Business:**

Steve Taylor will be presenting on agricultural fairs for the **July 12 program**. The **August program** will feature a presentation about **Billy B. Van**, in conjunction with the Sunapee Historical Society. Arnie volunteered to bring in a number of **Billy B. Van items** that Pat Hayward has collected. He will meet with Cathryn and Dean on Tuesday afternoon, July 12th. Dean volunteered to help Jayna scan images that will be used for the book she is working on about Billy B. Van’s life, particularly his life in and contributions to the town of Newport.

The upcoming **newsletter** will feature a tribute to **Billy B. Van**, as well as a tribute to **John C. McCrillis**, a much-endearred member of our community who passed away on June 26th. A future newsletter featuring the Finns of Newport – including their “Sisu” philosophy – is being developed.

9. **Meeting Adjourned:** 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jayna H. Hooper, Secretary