

Newport Historical Society

Fundraising Committee Report for January 9, 2017

- 1) The new Skating on the Common photo pillow sold out pre-Christmas. Beth Rexford had ordered a pillow with the twilight ice rink photo and it was stunning. We currently have the two consignment pillows (Baptist Church and Town Hall clock tower), a fall foliage Corbin Bridge side view and a summer Corbin Bridge portal view. The committee will be discussing a reorder of the Skating pillow and the ice rink scene.
- 2) Mid December we ordered and picked up 50 of the new “Written in Stone” books written by Mary Lou McGuire and Brenda Curtis. They are available for purchase at \$10 each.
- 3) Since our December meeting we were at SRB only one more day (Friday 12/23). The previous Friday, 12/16, was windy and bitter cold and the foyer of the bank was no place to be. The next day on Saturday, it snowed so it seemed prudent to cancel those two days. However, sales on the 23rd totaled \$181.11 a nice end to our season. We also had Miscellaneous sales of \$156.40 during the past month.
- 4) We had a second special order request for 100 (20 sets/5 each) of the Town Hall, South Church, Skating on the Common note cards including a new subject, photo note card of Skating on the Common from the same photo as used on the post card. This order was from Louise Russell. The latter came out so well that I had 4 additional sets made, 3 to sell and a complimentary set for Beth Rexford who was delighted to receive it. This opens up a new note card possibility of using actual photos on the note cards.
- 5) We reordered 6 Sunshine Tee Shirts, size large, as we had sold out on this size.
- 6) Croydon Historical Society has given us 35 of the Forehand book, *A New England Inheritance*, on consignment to sell. The price is \$15 with \$10 going to CHS. We received these a week before Christmas and sold 4 copies.
- 7) The unsold ornaments have been picked up from Gallery of Gifts. It appears that 33 ornaments were sold. The prior year sales were 38 ornaments.

8) In addition to the note card order, we received a \$100 donation from Louise Russell that was deposited into the Nettleton House account and will be used to purchase another rolling cart.

Membership Drive Fundraising

To date we have 211 members. We have 53 members from last year who have not yet renewed. On September 30 we ended the 2015-2016 membership year with 260 members, three short of the 2014-2015 record of 263. Cathryn has updated the Reminder Letter and it is ready to mail out later this week. We are 49 members short of last year's 260 members.

Respectfully submitted,
Jacqueline Cote, Fundraising Committee Chair