

**Newport Historical Society
Board Meeting, December 11, 2017
Hagebusch Residence, 6:30 pm**

President Baird Called the Christmas Pot Luck Dinner and Meeting to order at 6:30 where the board members present commenced discussion about all the wonderful offerings brought by members of the board and guests. It was unanimous that the food was excellent, the company and conversation warm and welcoming and the hospitality provided by Priscilla and Jerry Hagebusch in their home made this one of our best meetings ever! After the banquet; Board Members present sat back in contentment and proceeded with the following business matters.

Board Members Present: Cathryn Baird President, Jerry Hagebusch Vice President, Jackie Cote Treasurer, Larry Cote Museum Director, Dean Stetson Secretary Pro-Tempore, Pris Hagebusch, Rita James, Stan Sweeney, Dr. Arthur Walsh and Jayna Hooper, Laura Kessler,

Absent: Brian Kelly, Arnie Hebert

Public Forum:

There were no comments from the public.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on November 13, were open for discussion. No one presented any changes or corrections.

A Motion to accept the minutes of the November 13 meeting was made by Jackie.

The Second to the Motion was made by Larry.

The Motion was ACCEPTED by all; rejected by none.

Treasurer's Report

Jackie presented highlights of financial transactions including donations, expenditures and income. This is the second month of the FY. Jackie also shared the end of year accounting summary of the Annual Report has been sent to the State of NH.

Financial Statements were presented by Jackie Cote. Detailed copies were distributed, reviewed and discussed including:

- Newport Historical Society Accounting Summary for November 1st through the 30th, 2017.
- Main Operating Account FY ending 30-Sept-2018
- Nettleton House Account FY ending 30-Sept-2018
- NHS Budget Comparison Operating Acct. INCOME November 1st 2017 to September 30th, 2018
- NHS Budget Comparison Operating Acct. EXPENSE October 1st 2017 to September 30th, 2018
- NHS Budget Comparison Nettleton House INCOME October 1st 2017 to September 30th, 2018
- NHS Budget Comparison Nettleton House EXPENSE October 1st 2017 to September 30th, 2018

A Motion to accept the Treasurers Report was made by Cathryn.

The Second to the Motion was made by Rita.

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The Motion was ACCEPTED by all; rejected by none.

Museum Report:

The Museum Report was presented by Museum Director, Larry Cote– Details in the Monthly Museum report. Highlights include:

- 12 visitors signed the register for the month of November.

Larry went on to comment how the number of donations is on the rise. He cited the following stats:

120 Donations in 2017
66 Donations in 2016
73 Donations in 2015
68 Donations in 2014
79 Donations in 2013
61 Donations in 2012
43 Donations in 2011
41 Donations in 2010

The group had a brief discussion as to why the NHS may be seeing this type of increase and the consensus was that it was due to our prominence and positive “Profile” the organization has developed in the community.

- Laura mentioned that someone who knows her to be on the Board of the NHS, approached her regarding a very old large loom that has a historical connection to Newport and will have the individual contact Larry directly.
- Beth McAllister from Sturm Ruger donated a Ken Andler painting – Hay mounds

Fundraising Report was presented by Jackie Cote.

- Pillows selling well
- Glasses and Camp Mugs are all gone
- The group is at the Sugar River Foyer for a couple more weeks and sales are up from last year 47% (\$881) to date.
- Laura suggested photographing the Andler Painting that the NHS has purchased for Note cards.

Membership Report:

- Membership for the NHS ended at 275 for the 2017 FY.
- Current Membership is 225.

Old Business:

- **Change in Constitution and Bylaws. The revised Constitution and Bylaws have been sent to the State of NH DOJ for review.**

Corbin Covered Bridge Event:

Dean Presented the following notes to update the group on CCB Event details to date.

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Upcoming Agenda Items include: NEXT MEETING: 13 December 2017 6:30 PM Nettleton House: Report on meeting with Heritage Commission, Watch Video from Media Tech, Outline of presentation to Community Partners. NH Humanities Grant options. Review of Task List, Offer general invite to Committee late in Dec?

New Business:

- Jayna presented the new “brochure” for the Museum. Perfect! There was a discussion to Quote 300 and 500 units with Doolittle in Claremont. If pricing seemed excessive there is another option to have these printed through the LAC “Online” Services they use.

With no other business before the board, and a toast for Health, Peace and Happiness the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 PM

A Motion to adjourn was made by Cathryn.
The Second to the Motion was made by Dean.
The Motion was ACCEPTED by all; rejected by none.

Dean Stetson
Recording Secretary (Pro Temp)