

Newport Historical Society Agenda

Executive Committee

February 3, 2011

6:00 PM

NHS Museum

Attendees: Christina O'Brien, Mary Lou McGuire, Cathryn Baird

Public: Diana Piotrow

1. Call to order: 6:03 pm.
2. Public forum: None
3. Committee Reports: Newsletter
4. Old Business
 - A. Diana Piotrow, watercolorist from New London

Diana presented a line drawing and a full color rendering of the Nettleton House with the Old Courthouse and Town Hall in the background. She will make final changes to the design for the March meeting. A check for \$150.00 was given to Diana, payment of the remainder of her fee.
 - B. Membership year

A change of the membership year was discussed, due to the expressed confusion of some regarding when memberships were to be renewed. After a brief discussion about the pros and cons, we decided to keep the membership year as is.
5. New Business
 - A. Letter from Roy Malool re: Bank Clock

A letter was received by Jackie Cote in December from Roy Malool regarding the 1919 First National/Newport Savings Bank illuminated clock. The letter stated that Mr. Malool would like the Historical Society to come up with several proposals for display of the clock for his review, after which a legal document would be drawn up between the Smith estate and the Historical Society whereby the clock would remain in Newport and not fall into private hands. A lengthy discussion determined that more information was needed before this issue could be decided. Cathryn Baird will be in touch with Roy Malool to help clarify our questions. This issue was tabled until the March meeting.
 - B. NHS listing in telephone book

Christina O'Brien will investigate how to list the Newport Historical Society in the Museums & Galleries section of the Verizon telephone book.
 - C. MuseumsUSA.org listing

Mary Lou McGuire will update the NHS information on this web site.
 - D. 250th update

Winter Carnival events the NHS will participate in include:
 1. Sales table at the Farmers Market: Buttons, bells, T-shirts, glasses
 2. Sales table on the Common
 3. Providing historical information about Newport's merchants for Merchant madness.
 - E. Nettleton House timeline

Purchase of the Nettleton House is scheduled for late spring.
 - F. Newsletter

The NHS is looking for a new editor of the Milltown Messenger. If anyone is interested in helping out, please contact Cathryn Baird at 863-5089, 398-9089, or 863-8181.

G. LAC grant funding letter of support

President Baird informed the Committee that she wrote a letter for the Library Arts Center in support of a grant application to run educational programs on traditional arts.

H. Newmont Military Band possible performance in September

It was decided the NHS would like to sponsor the Newmont Military Band for a concert in September. Mary Lou McGuire will contact their representative to gather more information.

I. Dana Benner Native American lecturer

Mary Lou McGuire will contact Mr. Benner about providing a program for next year's schedule, as this year is already booked.

6. Other business/announcements

A. President Baird presented a solicitation to purchase the book *Mustered! Foot Soldiers of the 12.th* As the Richards Free Library has a copy, it was decided not to make the purchase.

B. President Baird requested we contact Brenda Curtis, Chairperson of the Cemetery Committee, to see what was done regarding the question raised at the last monthly meeting about the condition of pine trees at the cemeteries on Pine Street.

7. Agenda items for February 7, 2011 meeting in the Library Arts Center

It was decided to cancel the business meeting, which was to follow the program *NH on Skis*. Treasurer, Secretary and Committee reports will be available for perusal at the program. Please be sure to attend this most interesting program!

This meeting was adjourned at 7:42pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou McGuire