

Newport Historical Society Agenda

Executive Committee

November 5, 2010

NHS Museum

4:30 PM

Attendees

Executive Committee: Cathryn Baird, Todd Coull, Jackie Cote, Christina O'Brien, Mary Lou McGuire

1. Call to order: 4:35 pm.
2. Public forum: no public questions.
3. Committee Reports: Cemetery, Fundraising, Museum, Membership, Pier Bridge, Oral History, Newsletter
4. Old Business
 - A. Diana Piotrow, watercolorist from New London met with the Executive Committee to discuss creating a watercolor rendition of the Nettleton House to be used for various fundraising reasons: notepaper, invitations, etc. The Executive Board reviewed the sample she presented, made comments, and Diana will create another rendering to incorporate the suggestions. She will also provide a black and white sketch to possibly be used for a letterhead. Diana was given a check for \$150.00 to retain her services.
 - B. NH Humanities Council program update. The NHS is partnering with the Richards Free Library to provide six programs during the 2011 year in celebration of Newport's 250th anniversary. To date the confirmed program are:
 - January 10 Fiddle contests in New Hampshire
 - February 7 New Hampshire on Skis
 - March 14 Lafayette and the Farewell Tour
 - April 11 Colonial New Hampshire history, customized to the town of Newport
 - C. Membership Drive Update see Membership Committee report.
 - D. Nettleton House Capital Campaign and Endowment items have been tabled until the purchase of this building is confirmed.
 - E. Discussion of creating a Business plan for NHS was tabled until the purchase of the Nettleton House is settled.
 - F. Museum Acquisitions: 1939 Newport Winter Carnival film from Nancy Norwalk, Plainfield
The Museum Committee has determined they would like to view the movie before making any decision. Christina O'Brien will contact Nancy Norwalk to so arrange, and notify the Executive Committee of the time and place.
 - G. Acquisition policy/procedures for NHS Museum. The Museum Committee is working on creating these policies and plans to have them ready for discussion at the next Executive Committee meeting.
 - H. NHS publication of a 250th Booklet. A committee consisting of Larry Cote, Mary Lou McGuire and Cathryn Baird are leading an effort to publish a book commemorating Newport's 250th anniversary. Present plans involve partnering with the Eagle Times, and they have been meeting on a weekly basis for over a month. An action plan to facilitate the project is underway, and a proposed publication date of October 6, 2011 is under discussion.

5. New Business

A. Establishment of yearly NHS budget: tabled until the treasurer can be present.

B. Issues surrounding the purchase of the Nettleton House purchase have been tabled until further notice.

C. Honorarium policy. It was voted to provide an honorarium of \$25.00 to speakers at NHS programs, to be determined on an individual basis. Moved by Christina O'Brien, seconded by Todd Coull, unanimously approved. The treasurer will send an honorarium to Jim Perkins and Laura Kessler in thanks for the programs they presented.

6. November 8 meeting

Agenda items for the November 8, 2010 business meeting are:

Watercolor of the Nettleton House

Report on the Membership Drive

Update on the Nettleton House purchase and the LCHIP grant

Announcements:

Presentation to REVITE

Next meeting program

Newport's Minute Man

7. Other business

1. A discussion of the importance of NHS members to sign in at meetings was discussed. A sign up sheet will be provided, and members are encouraged to sign it in order to keep accurate records of attendance. Certain voting rights are associated with attendance at meetings. President Baird will make an announcement at the next meeting to inform and remind the membership.

2. December 13 program will be the History of the Opera House, presented by Charles Massey. The program will take place at the Opera House. It was decided to continue sending out postcards to remind the membership of each program.

3. President Baird requested that all NHS members keep track of their volunteer hours, and report them at the monthly Executive Board meeting.

8. Adjournment: this meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Mary Lou McGuire
Secretary