

Newport Historical Society
Executive Committee and General Membership Meetings
March 12, 2012 – 6:00 PM
Richards Library Ballroom

Attendees: Cathryn Baird, Dottie Collins, Jerry Hagebusch, Laura Kessler, Christina O'Brien

1. Call to order at 6:00 PM
2. Public Forum – no business brought forward
3. Heritage Committee Business: President Baird spoke with Julie Collins and reported that there is nothing pending at this time.

4. Committee Reports:

Fundraising: Sales continue at the museum's gift shop, with one of the best selling items being the 250th anniversary history book of Newport. Very few copies of the popular book on the mansions of Newport remain. This information will be brought forward to Jackie and Larry Cote.

Membership: It was reported that the current membership level is 202 members.

Museum Committee: Members volunteering at the museum feel that it is worthwhile having the building open on Sundays and that those visiting are enjoying the experience.

Christina brought forward advertising information from the *Kearsarge Shopper*, where a 1/8 page advertisement can be purchased for \$48.00 (special non-profit pricing). President Baird will be contacting the NOHA to see about advertising possibilities in the program for the spring musical.

New flyers will be created and printed to promote the museum and its hours of operation.

Jim Chrimes is working on a sign that will go above the back door of the museum (facing the Courthouse). The sign will have "Newport Historical Society Museum" printed on it and the estimated price for this is \$50.00.

Photo binders located on the third floor of the museum, can be cataloged and indexed. This is to be done initially by hand and will then be entered into the database program in the future.

5. Old Business:

Members are needed to volunteer at the museum on Sundays from 10 AM – 2 PM.

6. New Business:

President Baird shared with the group that Bob Pratt, Facilities Coordinator for PC Connection, contacted the NHS about PC Connection's interest in donating "The Gables," (also known throughout the years as the Emerson home and the Moose Lodge) on North Main Street, to the NHS. *

The General Membership Meeting continued with members being updated on the generous offer of PC Connection to the NHS of "The Gables." When PC Connection purchased the property back in the 1990's, they did a lot of restoration and maintenance work on the property. To bring the building up to "code," more work would need to be done on it. President Baird mentioned that this home speaks to the heritage and character of Newport and that she's spoken to a broad spectrum of people in the community about the building. A motion was made by Jerry Hagebusch and seconded by Rita James that the Newport Historical Society would like to pursue discussions with Facilities Coordinator, Bob Pratt, regarding looking into "The Gables" as a possible donation from PC Connection to the Newport Historical Society. This was passed unanimously. Representatives from the NHS: President Baird, Vice President Jerry Hagebusch and Christina O'Brien, Museum Director, will meet with Mr. Pratt on March 21, 2012 at 10 AM to tour the property.

President Baird shared an advertising renewal letter from *Image Magazine*, a periodical that is sent to over 10,000 households and doctors' offices throughout the Upper Valley area. The NHS advertised in the summer edition of the "Day Tripper's" section of the magazine in 2010. Christina O'Brien made the motion that was seconded by Rita James, that the NHS purchase advertisement space for \$325.00, in the summer edition of *Image Magazine*. This was passed unanimously.

Priscilla Hagebusch was thanked for the curtains that she has been making for the rooms at the Nettleton House.

An application for a space at the Apple Pie Craft Fair has been submitted.

*The Executive Committee Meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM to the General Membership Meeting. At 6:55 PM the General Membership Meeting adjourned, after which * 21 members and * 5 guests enjoyed Dean Stetson's program *The 250 Discovery Challenge*.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Kessler
Secretary

*Members present 3.12.12: Cathryn Baird, Dottie Collins, Newc Eldredge, Dick Gassett, Jerry Hagebusch, Priscilla Hagebusch, Larry Huot, Nancy Huot, Rita James, Laura Kessler, Maureen Marcotte, John McCrillis, Kay McCrillis, Linda Morrow, Christina O'Brien, Dean Stetson, Gardiner Stetson, Gloria Stetson, Maura Stetson, Andrea Thorpe, Barbara Yeomans.

*Guests present 2.6.12: Ryan O'Brien, Ellen Stetson, Mr. and Mrs. Miles Stetson, Laura Pickney