

Newport Historical Society

Fundraising Committee Report for August 11, 2014

1. We received the Eagle Block ornament order. Joan is working on a re-order of Depot & Firehouse. We had re-ordered Sarah but I have recently cancelled due to low sales at the Farmers Market.
2. We have received our order of Nettleton House Camp Mugs in blue, burgundy and green. We also received 22 of the 14oz “on the rocks” glasses produced in error as we had ordered the 14oz Hi-Ball glasses. American Crystal fully acknowledged their error. We could have returned the incorrect glasses; however, I was able to negotiate a substantial price reduction. They have since filled our order with the correct size glasses.
3. Our newly designed note cards for the Depot, Firehouse and Tiger mascot have been printed and are now available. Including Sarah and Parlin Field, these have become assortment “C” in addition to a few individual sets as mentioned. Pricing is still \$5 per set.
4. Participation at Farmers Markets this year has been spotty because of rain. Through July 4, there were six markets, three were no-shows because of rain (no rain since 7/4). Attendance at the markets since July 4 has been off, as also experienced by other vendors. Details are: July 11 - \$27, July 18 - \$84.50, July 25 - \$104.50, August 1 – no sales!, August 8 - \$78. See spreadsheet circulating at this meeting for more details.
5. Larry has built 2 risers for the Museum retail product table that greatly increases our ability to display our “wares” in a less crowded space. He also built two risers for the Farmers Market tables that provide better visibility for folks walking by or shopping adding more space.
6. We ran out of Newport shirt color transfers and have order a 2nd 12 dozen (144) with the best price break. A small order placed the beginning of July for small, medium and 2 X-Large tees and sweatshirts was not able to be completed in its entirety due to lack of transfers. We currently have a customer order over \$100 for tees and sweatshirts in the 2 X-large size and are awaiting completion of the order so that we can ship.
7. As an aside, last week we received an order from Japan for a small Wheeler History. We are spanning the globe?
8. We have submitted our newest 8 ornaments and note cards to be juried for this year’s Gallery of Gifts.

Respectfully submitted – Jackie Cote and Stan Sweeney