

SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Board Meeting Minutes

August 7, 2013

Present: Carrick, Beth; Crane, Donneta; Crooks, Elaine; Davis, Gwen; Fitting, Joan; Hunt, Melody; Kenyon, Linda, McEwan; Robert; Polsky, Rayna

Absent: Brown, Jim

1. Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m.
2. July, 2013 minutes accepted.
3. Treasurer's report: Elaine tendered written report. The closing balance was \$126,081.28. Minutes accepted.

4. Board Business:

A. Vision Statement – Beth: Tendered written report. Gwen had a question regarding which major events would bring in money. Donneta replied that the Strategic Plan would help us understand which events could be further utilized.

B. Schoolhouse work update - Robert: Tendered written report. Joan mentioned that Brigita called and warned us that a package was lying out in the rain. It turned out to be the Bilco doors. Thanks, Birgitta! A \$5000 deposit has done to Dale Jolliffe for the roof.

C. Web pages – Beth: Beth has submitted a number of pages to Mike, our designer. Beth is considering adding links to other organizations and handed out a sheet of possibilities. We eventually chose ten sites. Rayna suggested adding her own website (<http://www.buckscountyhistory.org>) and Jesse's site as well (mosesdoan.wordpress.com). It was mentioned that New Hope Historical has qualms about sharing their materials with us. We did have a vote and decided to include NHS despite this.

Rayna has not rewritten the schoolhouse history yet. She needs to go this. It would be awesome if someone could send her a Facebook message as a reminder.

D. Historical Society of Pennsylvania (small collections) - Joan: We had a visit from them. They didn't show much interest in the books but were very curious about our files. They are trying to make every historical society more publicly accessible by creating organized collections. All the small collections will be listed on the Historical Society of Pennsylvania's website and linked to us. They will send a disc with their report on it.

E. Quester's Donation – Vitrine for soldier's bowl. Elaine: We want the bowl at the schoolhouse. Elaine found a nice table top case for it, and has spoken with Doug Dolan, who was "helpful, but convoluted." Doug suggested not to seal the case, since we are not "starting in a perfect environment." Robert also mentioned Jim Hill as a possibility.

5. Committee Reports:

A. Archives – Joan/Gwen: Tendered written report.

B. Development – Melody: \$13,160 from schoolhouse appeal. \$5,850 from dinner patrons with a promise of \$1,500 more. Chicos in Peddler’s Village has agreed to do a two-week even with 10% of sales going to us when someone mentions us. She is also going to get us on an advertising display at Newtown Bank. Thanks, Melody!

C. Education - Robert: Tendered written report.

D. Events - Linda: Linda needs picnic volunteers. The picnic is Sunday, August 25.

E. Membership – Elaine: Tendered written report. 95 renewal letters sent; 56 received back.

F. Oral History – Jim (On hold until September) but please read his report online.

AOB: Rayna needs to do more with Facebook.

6. Meeting adjourned: 6:47 p.m.