

SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Board Meeting Minutes

September 4, 2013

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

Absent: Crane, Donneta

1. Meeting called to order at 5:10 p.m.
2. August, 2013 minutes accepted.
3. Treasurer's report: Elaine tendered written report. The closing balance was \$131,089.89. Minutes accepted.

4. Board Business:

A. Schoolhouse work update - Robert: Tendered written report. We decided to have a vote by email regarding which contractor to choose when Donneta returns next week. Robert suggests Jim Hill.

B. Web pages – Beth: The website is finished officially as of last night. It will go live tomorrow. (It looks great.) Thank you and congratulations to Beth for this enormous labor. This launches us into the 21st century in a great way. We have decided to ask Mike the web designer to attend both our upcoming fundraising dinner and also the New Year's brunch. Beth also added that we need some photographs of historical things around the township to post on the site.

C. Historic Registration - Elaine: The form for County registration needs to be filled out.

D. Vitrine for soldier's bowl - Robert: Jim Hill will make up a little design diagram for our approval, and to submit to Questars. We also need a price quote.

5. Committee Reports:

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

B. Development – Melody: Appeal is up to \$18,360. Patrons \$6,600, and 80+ reservations. It's coming along well!

C. Education - Robert: Tendered written report.

D. Events - Linda: The picnic went well. We have some leftovers that we're not sure to do with.

Linda has written to John Kellogg regarding the Underground Railroad, suggesting they collaborate with us. She hasn't heard back from him yet and is worried her letter came across as rude. Robert suggested he Kellogg may be "more of a phone guy." We decided that Mount Gilead may be a good addition to the tour, despite its being in Buckingham Township.

E. Membership – Elaine: 95 renewal letters sent out; 60 received back. Two new members. Total membership: 228. Eliane passed around an example of a possible member's benefits card for next year.

F. Oral History – Jim: The recordings have been standardized on an MP3 format. The new website has the new recordings. He has also written a step-by-step pamphlet on how to take an oral history and get it onto the web.

6. Adjourn: 6:49 p.m.