

DEVELOPMENT MARCH 5, 2014  
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1. I was in touch with John Kellog and Stu Wisse at Solebury Meeting. John asked that I do a little email about what was planned to present to Business Meeting this Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup>. No problem is expected but this is the body of my note:

The Solebury Township Historical Society (of which I am a board member) in conjunction with The New Hope Historical Society is looking forward to presenting a free lecture/dramatic re-enactment of Harriet Tubman's experiences of slave life and the underground railroad interpreted by the actress, Millicent Sparks. We are hoping to hold this free event, with Bill Tinsman's and my involvement, at our meeting house on Thursday, May 15th at 7:00 PM to probably about 9. All will be welcome, seventh grad and older. We are expecting a grant from the PA Humanities Council to secure the actress who works under their auspices and I have told the committee that our respective historical societies will be expected to reimburse Mike for whatever work it entails. We most likely will need to have the partitions lowered, etc.. I hope everyone thinks that this is as good an idea as we do. One of our mission's as a historical society is to celebrate and illuminate our proud history for present and future generations and we couldn't think of a better place to hold this event.

Further, I talked to Stu today and he has us on the calendar, no charge because of my involvement with meeting.. He is sending me a little form to fill out for insurance purposes and to make sure that the building is ready for us and buckled up afterwards.

2. We tracked down the disconnect with PA Foundations which was the foundation trying to use a slightly incorrect email, (vorizon.net), which explains why we never heard back from them last year and the confusion over the refund scholarship for this year. I think its all straightened out. I believe Elaine sent them all of the info required, including my blurb stating our need.

3. Speaking of PA Foundations, I would like to send an appeal letter to likely companies and foundations listed as “gift givers” in order to try and recoup the \$15,000 shortfall in our building renovation fundraising from last year. I suggested earlier trying another appeal this time to local businesses but there was a conflict with a business membership drive scheduled for this year. So, why not approach this untapped source? If we think this is a good idea, I’ll work up an appeal letter and send it around to the board for approval before sending it along.

4. Finally, there is a rumor afoot of another John and Ian collaboration coming to our fundraising aid. It may be too early to talk about, but I think that its exciting that they would like to work with us again. I’ll keep you posted.