

STHS Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 5, 2014

Called to order by President Donneta Crane at 5:04 pm, The Schoolhouse

Present: Donneta Crane, Stephanie Garomon, Elaine Crooks, Robert McEwan
Linda Kenyon, Charlotte Zanidakis, Marnie Leasure, Judy Clarke, Penny Armagost

Minutes of February 12, 2014: Robert moved to approve and Marnie seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Elaine Crooks *See Financial Report*

Total income for February is \$550.00 and expenses are \$1,823.68 Our opening balance is \$100,196.30 leaving us a total of \$99,417.00 All approved the new budget with Robert moved to approve and Penny seconded.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Archivist Report-Judy Clarke

There were four requests for info via e-mail and phone

1. A gentleman came to schoolhouse to do research on the Potters family-successful
2. Someone inquired about property on Upper York Road
3. Woman-Swedenborgian Community-Edenville-will check with Will Rivinus and Jesse for more info.
4. Judy and Rita did a reading of books in the schoolhouse and developed criteria for the books we should keep at the schoolhouse. They sorted through many of the books and question some that haven't any relevance to Solebury such as The American Mills book which pertains to New England. Another example is "What we know about Seeds" inside is a listing of every township, borough-history of books
5. An 1899 Book of leading citizens of Bucks County should be rebound-Elaine suggested contacting Dave Stewart who may know someone who could re-bind it.
6. Suggested the need for a written donation policy
7. Need to form a committee to go through the importance of each book
 - A. Marnie volunteered to be on the committee
 - B. Elaine volunteered to be on the committee
 - C. Robert suggested we advertise on the website that there are books available for the price of a small donation

Development Report-Melody -See Report

Melody would like to go through a list of gift givers by sending a note or placing a phone call to ask for a gift.

Education Report-Marnie

1. We are almost "live" with Solebury School Scholarship-Beth will have up and running on website
2. History department meeting is March 10
3. Elaine agreed to organize October Cuttallossa Walking Tour
4. School Liaison-actively looking for parent participation-see report
5. Discussion with Jeff Marshall of Heritage Conservancy-might be a conflict of interest.
6. Elaine moved to give Marnie permission to work on Community Block Grant-to get us on the Bucks County Register, Donneta seconded it.

Events Report-Linda

1. Next event Open House April 5th 1-4pm
 - A. We will have a yard sale and book sale during open house.
 - B. Board to bring goodies.
 - C. Suggested we hire the cleaning lady prior to event for \$25.00 / hr.
 - D. Discussed whether we should hire a window cleaner, or clean windows ourselves. No conclusion.
 - E. Need to have Underground Railroad Handouts at Open House.
2. Underground RR
 - A. Roy Zeigler is unable to participate
 - B. Dee Dee Bowman would like to be a guide
 - C. 4 Trollies to be reserved-will be sending a deposit-can accommodate 120 people
 - D. There will be a meeting for the tour guides on Monday, March 10 at 3:30 at schoolhouse

- E. Have to send out save the date postcards/constant contact e-mail
- F. Suggestion to contact past Carversville resident James McBride, Pulitzer Prize winning author for "The Good Lord Bird" where Harriet Tubman is a character in the story. He also wrote the "Color of Water". He now lives in Lambertville, NJ
- G. Robert suggested Linda should have a meeting to pull everything together. It was decided to have one immediately before the tour guide meeting on Monday.

Grants Report-Charlotte *See Report*

Grant Proposal to acquire funds from the RAAB Foundation is due by May 15th

- A. A Letter of Inquiry is written to submit to their website
- B. Can apply for up to 10% of our budget which is \$61,000
- C. We can put more items in the proposal by giving them a list
- D. We need to obtain a DUNS#

Membership Report-Penny

Meeting at Elaine's house has been delayed due to bad weather.

Oral History Report-Robert *See Report for more details*

- 1. Listening to tapes has been going well
- 2. Met at High School-began CEC program and got a good response with 4 students in attendance
- 3. Will continue the program which is part of the educational mission
- 4. There will be another meeting in April
- 5. Hoping to have all the tapes up on the web by June

Building Report: Robert *See Report for more details*

- 1. Wall hangings to be re-arranged
- 2. Suggestion to move large map by door to between the windows
- 3. Do we need more rugs?
- 4. What should be done with extra desk? Possibly sell at a spring sale or open house.
- 5. Will re-frame and mat selected photo's to hang on wall near the front door
- 6. Have to find out the wall color for touch ups
- 7. Robert would like to meet with us on an afternoon to discuss ideas

AOB-Donneta

- A. Donneta will send an e-mail to members to ask for volunteers to work on committee's headed up by Linda, Melody, Penny, Robert, and Honored Citizens
- B. Reminder to send all reports to Beth
- C. Historical Society of PA
- D. Solebury Township and STHS involvement-Suggestion to check with Dennis and Gretchen to add a link to our website-will review what is on their website about STHS

New Business:

No new business!

Judy moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:41pm