

STHS Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 7, 2014

Called to order by President Donneta Crane at 5:00 pm, The Schoolhouse

Present: Donneta Crane, Stephanie Garomon, Elaine Crooks, Linda Kenyon, Marnie Leasure, Judy Clarke, Penny Armagost, Gwen Davis

Absent: Robert McEwan, Judy Clarke, Charlotte Zanidakis

Minutes of April 2, 2014: Penny moved to approve and Elaine seconded. Motion carried.

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

Total income for April is \$0.00 and expenses are \$263.50 Opening balance is \$99,833.94 leaving us a total of \$100,263.67.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Archivist Report-Judy Clarke-Not in attendance

Development Report-Melody Hunt *–See Report*

1. The Harriet Tubman event at Solebury Meeting is going well. Seating is being capped off at 150. E-mail invitation was sent to congregation and this past Sunday a stack of glossy postcards were placed on the sharing bench. Everyone at the Meeting house is excited about the event.
2. Melody has come up with an idea for an exciting fundraiser that has never been done in this area. "Painting with a Twist". They will travel to our location, bring all supplies, (drop cloths, artist aprons, paints, canvases) no painting experience necessary. Can be a BYOB. Rather than considering it a "fundraiser", we can dub it a "Friendraiser" for members can bring a non-member friend. Details to be discussed further.

Education Report-Marnie Leasure-See Report

1. School Scholarships
 - A. Received one application from Solebury School
 - B. Reviewed the applications from NH-S, narrowed down to three, one was selected by Board.
2. 192d- Was an educational and fun day with 6 teachers in attendance, 5 from the high school and 1 from middle
3. Walking Tour
 - A. Elaine has set Cuttalousa Tour for Saturday, October 4, 2015
 - B. Discussed idea with local longtime Carversville resident and church member about a cemetery tour. Will follow up.
4. School Liaison-
 - A. Working with a first grade teacher to establish a program for late May or early June date
 - B. Attended community engagement committee last week.
 - C. Met with school counselors about community service requirement.
5. Schoolhouse Talks-Marnie wants to establish a committee
 - A. Third Thursdays at the Schoolhouse for a lecture at schoolhouse (Nov. 2nd is daylight savings)
6. STHS must go to NH-S School Board to establish a relationship with school
7. Elaine and Melody will chat with Parks and Recreation

Events Report-Linda

1. Underground RR
 - A. Millicent Sparks needs a place to change her clothes when she arrives
 - B. Reservations are coming in, nearly 100 for performance so far.
 - C. Lemonade to be served after performance
 - D. Pat Whitlky in charge of reception after trolley tour, strawberry ice cream, checkerboard table cloth, flower arrangements for windows, cookies supplied by Pam Burrell, and other volunteers.
 - E. Maps will not be made in time, but there may be a possibility NHHS can prepare one
 - F. Linda wants to keep the reception authentic to the period by not using plastic utensils, dishes, etc. wooden spoons have been ordered for the ice cream.
 - G. Donneta supplying iced tea, decanters and cookies.
 - H. Philadelphia Humanities Council wants pictures

Grants Report-Charlotte *Not in attendance but submitted a report-See Report*

1. Conservation Center for Arts and Historic Artifacts (CCAHA) application **submitted 4/25/2014** focusing on Track 1: Preservation Needs Assessment
2. Forthcoming Grants-Avery & Byers Foundations, both foundations were in the historical organizations and the education categories retrieved from Pennsylvania Foundation Online. Stressing the educational purposes of STHS the requests would focus on current needs to implement our educational goals. Charlotte will look further into the requirements in June.

3. Catalyst Center for Nonprofit Management-Conference on grant tips to improve grantsmanship skills-"Five Ways Grant Writers Can Communicate Better" June 9, 2014 \$30.00 STHS will pay for Charlotte's attendance.

Membership Report-Penny Armagost-See Report

1. Elaine Crooks helped Penny print over 100 labels and renewal letters for memberships. The forms were sent out and at least 35 people have renewed membership so far.
2. Beth, John & Penny went to Locktender's house to meet with Susan Taylor to review the database system used by the Friends of the Delaware Canal, and the Yardley Historic Association. The program is called Exceed and may be an appropriate software package for STHS.
3. Fall mailing to go out to entire township.

Oral History Report-Robert McEwan-Not in Attendance but submitted a report-See Report for more details

1. Progress is being made to edit the final 4-5 tapes and uploaded onto web
2. 2 New Interviews:
 - A. Written approval of the Lathrop sisters interviewed by Pam Blake last summer-will proceed with the editing of their histories and put them on the web.

Building Report: Robert McEwan-Not in Attendance

Executive Board Meeting of April 24, 2014 Review-Stephanie Garomon-See Executive Minutes

New Business:

Will Rivinus found more books that belong to the collection we purchased. Donneta will pick them up.

Donneta moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:40pm