

STHS Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 2, 2014

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

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

Absent: None

Minutes of June 4, 2014: Linda moved to approve and Melody seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Elaine Crooks *See Report*

Report for May 2014-Income=\$5,170.00, Expense=\$6,469.51 Opening Balance=\$100,263.67, Total=\$99,541.86

Report for June 2014-Income=\$775.00, Expense=\$3,611.42 Opening Balance=\$99,541.86, Total=\$96,974.01

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Archives Report-Judy Clarke

1. Book collection reshelfed on the new adjustable shelves. Placement might have to be revised
2. Dick C. has been sorting and labeling the maps so they will be ready to file once we have archival plastic sleeves and a map cabinet to put them in.
3. Rita Flack and Marilyn Lanctot have finished archiving school attendance records-New archival material needs to be sorted, inventoried and shelved.
 - A: Will Rivinus books and notes
 - B: Four boxes containing articles, photographs, letters, etc. from the Alston Waring Family (Given by granddaughter. Have not yet gone through.
 - C: A box of papers, budgets, letters, etc. from "Pop" Shaw who was not only a founder of Solebury School, but also secretary of the Solebury Township School Board at the time of consolidation and selling off the one-room school houses in the late 1930's. (list of locations of the schools are in collection)
4. Robert McEwan finished editing and shortening the Bucks County Historical Society's Collections and Archival Policy. We should consider adopting this for STHS. Edited down to approximately 9 pages-Board to make comments about the edited version to Judy and Robert by July 25th.
5. Gwen and Marilyn will fill in for Judy at the schoolhouse during her absence on Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Development Report-Melody Hunt *-See Report*

1. Painting with the Impression-SIPS Melody and her committee decided to make it cost effective by making the event a series and holding them during the winter months from mid-January, mid-February to mid-March at the schoolhouse with a 20 person limit each. Each month there will be a different painting. Considering Thursday evenings and a Sunday afternoon. Hoping to appeal to 30 & 40 something age group. Can target parents in the New Hope-Solebury School District. Suggestion to charge \$30.00 for a 2 hour lesson. No painting experience necessary. Can be a BYOB or we can supply the wine. Also by using local artists we can give a brief history of the painting being used.
2. Committee looking for whimsical people with painting background to work up paintings and teach a class.
 - A: Melody worked up a Fern Coppidge-esque and also a George Sotter-ish offering. Possibility of using a Garber-like piece.
 - B: Stephanie Garomon has volunteered to teach a class, and Melody has two other people who might want to participate in mind.
3. We will try to get sponsors to pay for the supplies such as canvass, easels, paints & brushes. This will be the major expense for the event.
4. Next Step: Firm up dates for first event, Reach out to potential sponsors.

Education Report-Marnie Leasure *-No Report*

1. School Scholarships
 - A. Awarded scholarship to Solebury School student but did not attend and didn't meet recipient
 - B. Awarded scholarship to NH-Solebury student. Marnie attended the ceremony to promote STHS-Walking Tour-Photo's for PR purposes were not taken.
2. School Liaison-
 - A. 20 kids came to the schoolhouse with their first grade teacher. They had a good time and especially loved the water fountain.

Events Report-Linda-See Report

1. Picnic is Sunday, August 24, at 3:00pm at the schoolhouse front lawn
2. Volunteers needed to help with set-up.....Stephanie has volunteered
3. Postcards will be sent out to members who don't do e-mail, otherwise invitations will be through Constant Contact

Grants Report-Charlotte See Report

1. Collections Management Policies Development Grant-CCAHA's Philadelphia Stewardship Program comprising of four grant-funded tracks designed to aid nonprofit institutions in caring for their collections. Application submitted on April 24, 2014, application denied on June 22, 2014.....Recommendation is to re-apply in 2015 and "strengthening the application, given limited staffing, by demonstrating further how board members and volunteers would be utilized to follow through on recommendations outlined in the needs assessment." STHS will consider re-submitting application in 2015-apparently we should join to become a member as a first step.
2. Proposal submitted to The Byers Foundation, Chalfont, Pa on June 25, 2014-We requested \$23,360.00 for building enhancement items in addition to media equipment for archiving and education related lectures and events. Included additional pertinent STHS information with cover letter and the list of "needed" items requested. Charlotte also invited Mrs. Joyce Byers for a tour of the schoolhouse and our archive materials to see firsthand our accomplishments and what we have planned for the future. Waiting for a response.
3. Reviewing grants for Mel Hunt's artist event-"Painting with the Impression-sips"

Membership Report-Penny Armagost- See Report

1. Replies are coming in for re-joins-A few board members did not receive membership renewal forms.
2. Time to send out second notices
3. Elaine was asked by Penny if there are letter forms that can be downloaded to use for various levels of membership for businesses, or is the same form used for all levels. Also, are they a word doc.?
4. Continuing Discussion about developing a youth program. Penny is working on a letter to the students at New Hope-Solebury and the Solebury School inviting them to have a free student membership until they turn 18. It would not include any of the discounts that paid members are entitled to have. There would need to be a draw to attract students. Suggestions welcome.
5. Penny will e-mail the board membership lists 2-3 times per year.

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

1. Beth Carrick and Robert have added 6 oral History transcripts of teacher interviews to the website. We are still looking for the first names of two of these teachers: Mrs. Hibbard and Mrs. Prichard
2. These interviews were in a booklet that STHS was selling on the web for the past months. With this open publication we will now discontinue selling this booklet and dispose of the remaining pamphlets. Per Board approval. Board agreed.

Building Report: Robert McEwan-See Report

1. Dehumidifier installed.
2. Window shades ordered on 7/1 and should be available to install by mid July
3. Book cases painted. Thank you Dick Carlson!

Action Items

4. Install box for Revolutionary War Bowl
5. Program to install outside lights and stone edging to path
6. To be acquired- Flat drawer storage unit for maps and photos-still looking
7. Metal shelves for cellar storage

Vice President Memo: Robert McEwan

WEB SITE set up for materials in COLLECTIONS/ARCHIVE/LIBRARY

We are all working on several projects that will eventually give our WEB SITE a stronger COLLECTION & ARCHIVE presence. This memo is just to capture the various projects in one place and to bring to the Board's attention the possible consequences of the web development to our 'physical' collections.

Our overall objectives are;

1. Put enough on the web to allow searchers some idea of our archives, which should tempt them to visit the Schoolhouse for closer study.
2. Build up a deeper view of the Township's history and stories around sites, hamlets and events. This will be done by scanning and up loading pamphlets like Will Rivinus's books and Waring's Honey Hollow pamphlet.
* when we (Beth) have time and a good number of stories we think to make a MAP approach on the web for visitors to click and read.

3. In considering the Township's proposed 2014 Comprehensive Plan we know the door is open to participate in information sharing. Our Web site work prepares a critical mass of material for our approach at the right moment.

INITIATIVES

1. ONE ROOM SCHOOLHOUSE MAP AND PHOTOS

Beth is working on mounting a MAP to the (11?) schoolhouses which would allow readers to click and see current photos, and as we can find them, old photos of each schoolhouse.

2. TEACHERS ATTENDANCE RECORDS

The volunteers have catalogued these and filed them in archiving boxes.

Action:

*Type up the catalogue list, put it on the web along with scans of 2-3 "typical report pages." Beth & volunteers have selected the pages to scan and we wait for volunteers to type up the catalogue.

New Business:

Solebury Township-Gretchen waived sign fee. There will not be an August Board Meeting.

Donneta moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:20pm