

STHS Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 3, 2014

Called to order by President Donnetta Crane at 5:07 pm, The Schoolhouse

Present: Donnetta Crane, Stephanie Garomon, Robert McEwan, Elaine Crooks, Linda Kenyon, Judy Clarke, Melody Hunt, Gwen

Absent: Charlotte Zanidakis, Marnie Leasure, Penny Armagost

Minutes of July 2, 2014: accepted

Treasurer's Report: Elaine Crooks *See Report*

Report for August 2014-Income=\$821.00, Expense=\$969.41 Opening Balance=\$94,462.69, Total=\$94,829.73
Mid-year through June 30, 2014 Opening balance 1/1/2014 \$107,239.51 ending balance 6/30/2014 \$96,226.68

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Archives Report-Judy Clarke

1. School records are now housed in the new archival sleeves. The sleeves have been labeled for easy reference
2. We have a new cabinet from George Yarnall to house our map collection
3. Rita Flack and Marilyn Lanctot thank you for doing a good job:
 - A: Organizing bookshelves, moving shelves, sorting through books relevant to Solebury.
 - B: Marilyn consolidated categories and a master list and is now ready to post on the web.
 - C: Will Rivinus and the Waring family delivered archival materials.
4. Jesse is working on Rivinus material
5. The new Open House sign is working-drawing people in!
6. Gwen found National Register of Historic Preservation certificates from the Pa Historical and Museum Commission.

Action Item:

1. How do we handle collections that come in.
Example: Waring collection is a narrow family topic collection so it is easier to keep together as an archival collection.
2. Develop a numbering/lettering and subset system
3. Develop a 2014 system with categories
4. Need to work with Jesse to develop an archiving system and how to work with a program
5. Sign up for STHS Google docs account.

Development Report-Melody Hunt *-See Report*

1. Painting with the Impression-SIPS Dates are selected.
 - A. Sunday January 18th 2015 2:30-5pm will be a winter scene based on George Sotter's painting, "Moonlight in Bucks County"
 - B. Sunday Feb. 15th 2015 2:30-5pm An abstract construction (See Report)
 - C. Sunday March 15th 2:30-5pm A spring scene based on Fern Coppidge's "Red bud Time"
 - D. Easels are Purchased

Education Report-Marnie Leasure *-Not in attendance-No Report*

Events Report-Linda *See Report*

1. "Back to School Recess" Picnic on Sunday, August 24, at 3:00pm at the schoolhouse front lawn. 71 people attended and took in \$431.00

Everyone thought it was a great place for the picnic except next year we don't divide the space. Keep it all on front lawn. Thank you Peter Gatto for the delicious wine which everyone raved about.

2. New Years Day Brunch-Hollyhedge charged us last year \$35.00 and we charged \$50.00. Linda has not spoken to Liz yet.
3. November 16 5-6 at the Audubon Barn for the Annual Meeting. Linda wants to read historic letters. Linda Metcalf could work with Linda Kenyon to come up with other ideas of interaction.

Grants Report-Charlotte *See Report*

1. Byers Foundation pending response
2. Douty Foundation: Near completion of proposal. Douty stated their funding does not apply to organizations in Bucks County but proposal info/data will be used as a template for future proposals.
3. Grunty Foundation: will submit in mid September requesting funds for STHS Operating Expenses. This will give us flexibility to use monies for any and all purposes.
4. Researching Oral History grants with Michener Museum to obtain salary for Oral History expert. This is for our Oral History Project with Robert McEwan.

Membership Report-Penny Armagost- *Not in Attendance*

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

1. Jack Donohue has volunteered to try an interview in the coming weeks
2. Received interesting addition from Ann Liebgold: her father Don Walker. In process to be copied.
3. From Will Rivinus collection: One interview of Dottie Sommer (Dorothy Slesinger) To be processed.
4. Initiated contact with Michener Museum Archivist Pam Sergey. Possibility of 3 projects in discussion. See Report.
5. Graduate student contacted STHS to work with oral history. He worked with Ellis Island, Brooklyn Museum
6. Working with Charlotte on Grants

Vice President-Building Report: Robert McEwan-*See Report*

1. Night lights and stone path edging installed.
2. Flat Drawer file for maps and large photos was donated by the Yarnall family.
3. Chairs donated by Elaine and now need to be sanded and painted
4. Dale-Contractor partially installed cellar window well cover and installed new well on Sугan side
5. Web site- Many, many, many thanks to Beth Carrick for her tireless work! People notice!!!!
 - A. Main Bar is up-Research/Collections now in one area.
 - B. Will Rivinus books are on-line
 - C. Waring Honey Hollow pamphlet-See Report

Action Item:

1. **Mount map drawer cabinet on legs to raise higher, center on wall to gain space underneath.**
2. **Brass plaque about the gift of cabinet needs to be created and put on map file.**
3. **Need gutter cleaned out**
4. **Need to publicize additions to website**
5. **Need a PR person**

New Business:

Bi-Laws Board members no longer than 6 years. Liz Veber explained 4 years ago the importance of a board member's term to not go longer than 6 years and leaving for 1 year. Donneta will go off the Board next year and Elaine the following year. December 31 is Donneta Crane's last day as President.

Action Item: Patron/Sponsor Party

Donneta moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:06