

STHS Board Meeting Wednesday, January 7, 2015

Called to order by President Stephanie Garomon at 5:05 pm, The Schoolhouse

Present: Robert McEwan, Stephanie Garomon, Elaine Crooks, Judy Clarke, Charlotte Zanidakis, Gwen Davis, Marnie Leasure, Melody Hunt, Brian Booth

Board Secretary: *Motion by G.Davis, seconded by B.Booth to elect Elaine Crooks as Secretary; carried.*

Minutes: *Motion byt R.McEwan, sseconded by J.Clarke, to approve the December minutes as presented; carried.*

Treasurer's Report: E.Crooks presented the final report of 2014.

Income: \$9861.00

Expenses: \$3970.64

Closing Balance: \$97,217.81

Motion by J.Clarke, seconded by R.McEwan to approve the financial report; carried.

R.McEwan thanked Elaine on behalf of the board for her years of good service as treasurer.

Budget: E.Crooks presented a preliminary 2015 budget based on actual 2014 numbers. Committee chairs are encouraged to contact B.Booth with any suggested changes and final budget will come to vote at the February board meeting.

Archives: J.Clarke filed written report. Group is considering the best way to catalog archives. B.Carrick has asked about getting the book list on the website. Judy wants to compare her list with the actual books first. Discussion of scanning documents/photos with smart phones saved as PDFs.

Fund-raising: M.Hunt. Did a dry run of art class, went well. People are signing up. Board asked to provide finger foods. Mel has asked D.Crane to chair the dinner in May; they are meeting tomorrow.

Education: M.Newman: She has found a Civil War lecturer – charges \$60. All she needs is a screen. Discussion resulted in decision to combine that lecture with the Open House. Possible dates for OH are 4/12 and 4/19. Marnie will see which date it best with the lecturer.

Fall – Walking tour idea: Friend of Marnie's could give a walking tour of Holly Hedge including lots of history. Suggestion to combine with nearby Kale property. Marnie will investigate.

Trolley tour – Marnie is asking for ideas of topics. Elaine suggested Inns.

School Group – Marnie has a committee, expects to have a 1st grade class visit this spring. She is writing curriculum.

Membership: E.Crooks distributed written report. It was suggested that Elaine notify the board of new members when received.

Oral History: R.McEwan filed written report. Ranulph Bye interview now posted on website. Suggested we get PR. Robert will write; Stephanie will review; Beth will do final edits. Should then be reviewed by Michener – perhaps Michener can send it out and it will get broader coverage.

Also on web – full version of 1977 Green TV show on Carversville. HCS had the tape.

Schoolhouse: R.McEwan said chimney will be checked next week. Gutters have been cleaned.

Ingham Lake: Robert will have someone taking photos during the process of draining the lake.

Bye map: Robert requested reimbursement for the purchase of a Bucks County map that was drawn by Ranulph Bye and signed by him. \$143. *Motion by M.Leasure, seconded by B.Booth to reimburse Robert; carried.*

Grants: C. Zanidakis is working on several grant applications. A proposal to fund oral histories to the National Council of Humanities due mid January. Very comprehensive application. Raab Foundation due in February, and one other.

Old Business:

Strategic Plan: S.Garomon asked each committee chair to write up their plans for 2015.

Action Items: S.Garomon will continue this process of developing action items each month.

Need an events person; perhaps a chair for each major event.

Need a Nominating committee for board/committee chairs

New Business:

Suggested a Patrons party to thank sponsors, business members, raffle/auction donors, etc. Mid-summer at schoolhouse.

B.Booth needs an investment committee to set policy and review investments. The Executive committee will initially make up this committee. B.Booth should propose a meeting date.

Adjourned 7:02 p.m.