

STHS Board Meeting Dec. 7, 2016

Present:

Stephanie Garomon, Robert McEwan, Laura Kim, Marnie Leasure, Mel Hunt, Judy Clarke, Darcy Fair, non board member Jillian McGlone

Excused: Sue-Ann Divito, Charlotte Zanidakis, Jerry Andrade, Ken Odell, Vicki De Haven,

Opens 5:00 PM

1. Minutes of November not accepted:

ACTION: Charlotte Please remove the “approval of the 2017 budget” from the minutes. For a number of reasons we need to revote at Feb. 2017 meeting

2. Treasurer Report: Vicki submitted the 2017 budget draft, the accounts to date and the check register: accounts to date and check register approved.

3. Grants:

a. no report, status quo on future possibilities.

b. CCAHA Grant report due Dec. 31st. **Question to Charlotte: can we put a new chimney sleeve into the work? Does a fire security measure measure fall under the Grant allowed items ??**

4. V.P. Report:

a. See separate report on Scholarship money dispersal:

Motion to approve \$3,000 for BCCC scholarship as noted in V.P. report approved.

Motion to approve \$2,000 for Ned Harrington High School Scholarships approved

Motion to approve \$500 to \$600 or remaining balance of #GT collections go to education budget line is approved.

b. Building:

i. Safe monitoring and access: approved to hold this at Ex. Committee level.

Action: Robert to write up memo on how safe works, what the codes are and where the key is kept. Enter this on the Web Board site.

ii. major project for 2017 should be painting the interior of the Schoolhouse. Robert gathering quotes.

c. Michener Art Museum: in conjunction with the show they will maintain Summer 2017 about School art collections they are proposing an event to have their members tour our schoolhouse. We welcome this of course. See full V.P. report on all MAM/STHS Activities

5. Archives: Judy refers us to the report

a. The lack of volunteers prompts Judy and Marilyn to suggest they wires up some projects for BCCC and or high school students to do as part of their community Service requirements. Board encourages them to do so.

b. We have received at least two new inquiries that can lead to archive material.

i. Mike Roush: lived on Aquetong Lake and is contributing photos and memories of his time there. The volume of this contribution has to be determined. Possibly do an OH

with him as well. **Action: Robert and Darcy are following up with him.**

ii. Dr. Bonner, of 71 Covered Bridge Road called Stephanie to report his neighbor on 43 Van Sant Road, a house now in Bank Ownership, has discovered while doing interior work, 4 gravestones under the floor of the guest cottage, They are of the Pidcock family from the 1700's. Many a long story goes into why they are there and how the house got built on top of them. he wanted to share this with someone, so we got the call.

ACTION: Darcy took it upon herself, (thank you!) to call BCCC's archeology department and try to interest someone there onlooking after this discovery of an old cemetery. Under a house. Next to the Crying Baby Van Sant Covered Bridge.

6. Membership

New membership requests went out prior to Thanksgiving and replies & checks coming in. We still need a Board member who looks after membership 100%

7. Education:

i. **ACTION:** Marnie to look into Ned Harrington Scholarship "mandate." Is there one? This is not on the web and we wonder what if any 'written rationale' exists to hand out the awards every year. What prompts us is the discouraging "thanks you" we get and the need to better define and report to members and the Board on the selection of the students who get it. On the other hand Robert and Jillian report the lack of thank you notes is typical of the age we live in, although the need is still there in our well to do community.

ii. **ACTION:** Marnie to firm up a day in Feb. 2017 for the Jessie Crooks talk at the Schoolhouse.

iii. Marnie attended meeting about Sujan Rd. Bridge. Seems it will be installed in good form. Once she gets the meeting minutes and follow up notes from her if any, we should post it to our web page to follow up on the Annual Meeting talk.

Possible action: If anyone is really industrious it would be good to get the names of the 4 properties around the bridge and the Solebury orchard email and send all 5 of them our update. Suggesting we would love to have their membership ...

8. Oral Histories

a. NCM canal work is almost done, see report.

b. FODC voted to post our link to their site to promote these OH and Videos. Separate article to be published in their FODC news letter. **Action: Robert to ask Beth to follow up with Susan by sending her a photo of the Old days" from our archives. Maybe the one from Lumberville Quarry we used in the #GT campaign?**

c. Darcy reported on her meeting about family OH. See report

d. Laura led a lively discussion about how to handle the "PROJECT" of preservation OH, Video, Pod casts and raw data, etc. etc.. What is the project or work goal: collecting data and posting it, or editing raw data into conclusions and valuable insights that will tell a cohesive story "How Solebury Township made land preservation work." What will draw a wide audience? How can we help other townships learn from our successes, trials and errors?

ACTION: Laura was asked to write up a project 'vision' draft. and to start drafts of OH questions, OH candidates, keep if at all possible lists of data (like the township records) that we can link to on our web site.

Action: Judy/Marilyn? Put on their to do list the job of auditing and listing from our archives for all references to the preservation effort, as we no doubt have information and a place to start.

9. Jillian has made timely contributions of articles about the Brunch and we hope they will be published this week. She is also hosting the Jan. 14th meeting

10. Jan. 14th Brainstorming meeting:

All topics on the table for brainstorming the activities and directions of the Society under this Board. An effort to focus and refresh our efforts.

Action: Stephanie to lead this and draw up a plan for the hours.

11. Events:

a. New Year's Day Brunch is advertised. Stephanie will email all of us soon to set up time to do the decorations, set up the raffle gift bags, etc.

b. Impression Sips: 2 dates are set for 2017...January 15 and February 26

c. Annual Meeting November 2017: Stephanie ask all of us to think of a new venue to help create change and a vacation from the Barn: she thinks it is for the birds.

d. Wine Tasting Mel has the agreement of Patrick Pastella to use his house on Old Carversville Rd. for a fall 2017 event. Dates have to be set. We need to think of if this would conflict or replace the dinner event? Also not to conflict with the Stockton Fire House event which draws a big crowd. Pam Burrell would lead the talk and casings.

7:00 End of meeting