

HARTLAND AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 10, 2012

- I., II. **Board Members Present:** Shyrl Cone, Hildy Foley, Mike Forster, Barbara Krueger, Bill McDevitt, Diana Wells, John Weise
Also Present: Bob Ruby, Emma Winegarner, Margaret Melville, Carol Taggert
Absent: Janet Frick
The meeting was called to order at 7:12 pm.

- III. **Opening Remarks (President):** Hildy reported that the doors are coming along. She then commented on the resignation of Cathie Horning, and addressed appointment of Margaret Melville to fill that position. Mike Forster made a motion to accept the appointment, and Diana Wells seconded it. The motion carried.

The roof of the garage needs repair and some shingles are missing. We will get quotes from Jim Tinker, a local businessman, and from Ethical Exteriors. Hildy's concern is that, if we wait, there will be leaks. We may have to use our Money Market funds available for the roof, or a grant may be available. Bob Ruby will get quotes for the organization.

Larry Hopkins has contacted HAHS regarding repair of cemetery stones for the Whitehead family. Bob will work with Larry to find contacts within the family.

The October meeting will be moved to October 16 due to absences of some officers.

The museum will be open from 2:00-4:00 on Sundays when the doors are done. Other hours are available by appointment. Mike Forster mentioned that Bill McEcheron would like to set up a tour for his group.

- III. **Approval of Minutes from August 13, 2012 Meeting:** Bill McDevitt made a motion to accept the minutes with corrections, and Diana Wells seconded it. The motion carried.

- IV. **Financial Report:** None presented.

- V. **Vice President's Report:** Bill introduced Carol Taggert from Cromaine Library. She first suggested that we check into grants from local banks and businesses may donate money toward our roof. She offered to look into these possibilities. She went on to describe the reason for her visit. On December 1st, Cromaine will receive an exhibit from The Smithsonian called "The Way We Work." There will be a grand opening on January 4th, and the exhibit will stay through February 9th. The library staff have planned several programs, and they would like the Historical Society to partner with us in promoting these programs and hosting a program about what we have, the weaving, the farming, the post office and other

activities in the area. A discussion of banners and advertising ensued, and we talked about setting up our loom before January.

Bill addressed the movie night on October 27, and said that it would cost \$150 to show the movie. We will need chairs. It will be free with free popcorn and soda. Bill will cover the cost of those items and purchase the movie, which we will raffle off that night. We will need to work on October 26. Shyrl asked about the schools' license for movies, and that is not possible. We can put the image on our Facebook page to advertise. Bill suggested taking a picture of the museum at night and put Ben Stiller on the steps or something like that. It's advertised on the website, newsletter, the Patch, WHMI and Facebook. We might lose money, but it might be worth it. Barb made a motion to approve payment of \$150 for the movie night. Diana Wells seconded the motion, which carried.

Bill suggested a monetary gift for Mike Schrag, since he donated and delivered the display case we recently received. The Board agreed that \$50 seemed like a reasonable amount, and Barb Krueger made a motion that we pay Mike Schrag \$50, and Shyrl Cone seconded it. The motion passed.

Bill brought up a calendar that the schools used to do. He suggested doing it as a fundraiser. We could use pictures and include local history dates. Bill is investigating pricing options and has some samples coming. This would be 2014. Diana suggested Vistaprint and Gotprint.

In our bylaws, there are term limits. Bill proposed that we change them, and discussion ensued regarding getting the word out via the newsletter in advance of the annual meeting, so that members could vote on the change. The question of whether or not to eliminate them followed, and the suggestion of giving options was included. A committee will be organized consisting of Emma Weingartner, Bob Ruby, and potentially John Ellis. If he is not willing to do it, then John Weise will be the third person on the committee. Hildy appointed Bob to be in charge.

- VIII. Collections Report:** Mike Forster discussed organizing gift agreements and addressing the items on loan. There needs to be something added to the form to allow for de-accessioning. The Board discussed what kind of forms some of the larger museums in the area use. There are legal ramifications connected to de-accessioning without permission. Emma shared a possible form design. Chuck Foust gave the museum a dress form with a dress, shawl, purse, shoes and wedding picture from Artie Foust's grandmother's trousseau. Hildy will take a form to Chuck to fill out, and then Mike will sign it. Bob asked where the forms would be, and it was determined that Mike would have them. Temporary forms need to be available for the docents as well. Mike will then take care of the actual gift agreements.
- IX. February Fundraising Event:** Barb Krueger compared Dunham Hills and Tyrone Hills, and it appeared that Dunham Hills would be a better deal, under

\$40. They are closed, so there are no decorations. Shyrl mentioned that she had the birdcages and doves. Hildy asked if we would be better off than going to Waldenwoods. Diana asked about bartender costs and how much Waldenwoods charged per plate (\$45). Are there extra costs not included in that \$40 at Dunham Hills? Barb suggested that she and Hildy go and talk with the woman at Dunham Hills. The fact that hors d'ouvres were not included was also discussed. After looking at the past costs with Waldenwoods, there might not be a huge difference. It was decided that Waldewoods would be consulted again, because of the historic and community nature of the venue. We discussed keeping the price down to attract more people. Barb said she would call Waldenwoods to see if February 8th or 15th is available.

Diana brought a sample of work she had done previously for a romantic themed dinner. We could include vintage Valentines, wedding pictures, etc. It would be a "Sweethearts of Hartland" sort of theme.

- XI. Heritage Day and November Meeting:** It is hoped that the doors will be done. There will be a table for sales from 10-3 at the museum. There will need to be at least 3 people. John said there is a case full of things, and there will be a sale on some of them. The books will be marked down to \$25. (As an aside, discussion ensued regarding membership incentives, such as cups and t-shirts and stationery.) The one big activity that is new is a barn-raising for children 10 years old and up. Next year, there may be a barn tour set up for the day before or after Heritage Day. Dougie's Disposal will pick up the trash this year.
- XII. Comments from Board Members:** Shyrl has more costumes to share with the historical society. They will be brought to the museum pending space accommodations.

John Weise brought up Ally Financial, which has a better rate for investments than the Money Market Account we currently use. The information was passed to the Treasurer for research.

Barb clarified that the book sale price of \$25 will continue past Heritage Day.

- XIII. Meeting Adjournment:** Bill McDevitt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 pm and Diana Wells and Mike Forster seconded it. The meeting was adjourned. **The next meeting will be held at the Florence B. Dearing Museum on October 16, 2012.**

Paperwork Distributed: Minutes from the August meeting.