

Board of Directors Meeting
Falmouth Historical Society
WFH
May 7, 2013

Present: Scott McLeod, Betsy Jo Whitcomb, Fred Howe, Polly Burke, Suzanne Geyer, Diane Howe, Andi Jackson-Darling, Maytha Southard, and Carol Kauffman. Those absent: Janice Delima, Pat Halpin, Al Morrison, and Mark Stevanovic.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM.

Good of the order: Scott invited board members to join he and Carol on Monday, May 20, 2013 at a SOLVE meeting in Limington. A car will leave Ocean View at 8:15 AM. Up to four people are invited to join them at this meeting of Historical Societies of the greater Portland area.

Secretary's report: Betsy read the minutes of the March 12, 2013 meeting. These were accepted as read.

President's report: Scott reported he has emerged from tax work and is now ready to take on the tasks coming up for the Society. He told about receiving a thank you and check from Richard Webber for help researching the Blackstrap Observation Tower and School #10, Mayer Fistal working with Chief Rice on updating Ted Vail's book on the Falmouth Fire Department, and said that Hannah Russell is changing to an advisory capacity from being in charge of displays at the museum due to health issues. Our contact at the Forecaster has changed and Carol will be meeting with the new contact person. He announced the death of Arthur Frederiksen. Finally he praised the Program Committee for the outstanding work they done this year.

Treasurer's report: Fred passed out/reviewed the report. He is still looking for budgets from committees for next year. The report is placed on file.

Committee Reports:

WFH: Betsy reported that Paula Spencer has started working on an inventory of items at WHF. Betsy will be working on setting up a schedule for workers on Tuesday mornings by the end of June.

PROGRAM: The committee is working on printing bookmarks showing our programs to pass out at the museum and at the library. Programs are set through September and those for the rest of the year will be announced later. Carol said that as part of the Legion open house on Saturday, May 18, at 1 PM there will be a panel telling what life in 1940's was like in Falmouth.

FHS MUSEUM: There was a discussion of when the museum should be open this summer. They hope to have brochures made of the exhibits for a self-guided tour. They will try to have two people available to open/close the museum and answer questions when it is open. Since Saturdays had not been busy, there was consideration of opening some evening during the week. Andi moved we open the museum/barn during July and August on Thursday evening from 5-7 PM. Polly seconded the motion. After much discussion, Diane amended the motion to strike out being open on Thursday evening and insert being open every other Saturday from July 6, 2013 to August 31, 2013 from 2-4 PM. Andi seconded the amendment and it passed. A banner will be bought to announce when the museum is open.

Fred said he is spending about \$150 to buy wood and Plexiglas to cover the chart on the museum wall and making 4 stands to put around for display ID.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: The group met with Barry Spencer and are making real progress on getting a new website put together.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Fred did a presentation of the 370 house drawings in the Lindsay Lord Collection. Maytha moved to accept the drawings into our collection. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

Ocean View gas furnace. Fred met with Dead River last week but does not have a report on the cost to put it into the museum.

Eagle Scout project: Suzanne reported meeting with Mike Villacci and his son. They are working on a presentation for our next meeting.

Memorial Day Parade: The REO fire truck and milk wagon are ready to go. Anyone willing to be in the parade should be at the Legion Hall at 9 AM on

Monday May 27, 2013.

Museum Opening: The program is almost set. There will be an opening ceremony, 5 former/current fire chiefs who will speak along with Bob Shafto, and hopefully Mary Nelson. The library Uke players will participate. Food and clean up are needed.

There will be a museum/barn clean up on June 1, 2013 from 9 AM to Noon.

NEW BUSINESS:

The name of Chris Madden was presented as a candidate from being a Board member. Scott will invite him to the next Board Meeting.

We still need a chairman for the Nominating Committee and Audit Committee. Andi has agreed to be Membership Chairman.

Museum Security: Fred reported on a system where a cell phone can be built into the security system. It costs \$425 to install and \$108 per year. We then could do away with the land line. After discussion, it was decided we need the land line. Scott suggested this be put in the budget for next year and put the land line on seasonal service.

Election Day-June 11, 2013: Betsy said the gym will be open from 1-3 PM on Monday, June 10th and after 6 AM on election day. People are needed to man the booth on election day.

The annual meeting is set for October 16, 2013. With the construction at Ocean View, the meeting will be at the library. Andi will book the room.

The next Board Meeting is June 4, 2013 at 7 PM at Whipple Farm House.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Jo Whitcomb, Secretary