FRANKLIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Regular Meeting Minutes
May 3, 2018
Venue: Webster-Tay House – 7 pm
Program: **"The Northern Railroad"** by Ken Cushing

The Business Meeting was called to order at 8:30pm by Leigh Webb, President

Salute to the Flag – led by Elizabeth Jewell
Moment of Silence for Departed Members – it was shared that Dick Nielson had recently passed.

Secretary's Report

- April 5, 2018 minutes were passed around. **Motion** made by Annette Andreozzi, seconded by Will Clark, to accept the minutes as written; ***passed.***

Treasurer's Report – Will be available next month; treasurer Carlton Ham absent.

Unfinished/Continuing Business:
Committee Reports

- **Building** – waiting for weather without rain in the forecast: garden clean-up to be announced soon. The Society hopes to borrow a lift from Steve Foley's friends, to work on siding on second floor.
- **Cookbook**
  - Final cookbook was shipped from the printer's today – will have ready for sale at Community Day, May 12.
- **Education** – Chris Lewis gave update: "Trunk" project is in process
- **Facebook** – Will gave update: 761 people engaged, showing great interest. Salisbury Historical Society shared tonight's meeting/event.
- **Community Day, May 12** – stop on by the Historical Society table!

- **Election of Officers and Board of Directors**
  - Not able to serve: Dennis Swett (term expires 2018) and Bob Morin (former Co-Recording Secretary). Karen Grzelak willing to serve in slot vacated by Dennis Swett.
  - Slate of proposed candidates:
    - President: Leigh Webb
    - Vice President: Linda Pauwels
    - Treasurer: Carlton Ham
    - Recording Secretary: Karen Darling
    - Co-Recording Secretary: Dan Darling
    - Curator: Annette Andreozzi
    - Asst. Curator: Dan Cerat
    - Director (2018-21): Glenn Morrill
    - Director (2018-21): Karen Grzelak
  - **Motion** made by Elizabeth to accept the above slate; seconded by Annette; *passed.*

- **Plant Sale: Saturday, June 23,** 10am-2pm – need volunteers and plants: contact Annette
    - Expanding items for sale – accepting donations of gardening tools, decorations, etc.
    - Label type of plant if you can (photo is good)
    - If donating same day, can be in plastic bags
    - Accepting any/all: annuals, perennials, herbs, houseplants
- **Open House hours, Memorial Day through Labor Day weekend** – will be **Saturdays** from 10am-2pm, rather than Sundays this year.
- **Projects Update**:
    - Naming the newspaper room the "John and Richard Lewis Memorial Newspaper Room" (brass plaque will be ordered)
    - Build steps to Fort plaque (RR ties from Trail obtained), clearing poison ivy and brush this month, weather permitting
    - Plaque for Sentinel Pine – need to ascertain exact location and if on private property – suggested we put request on Facebook. Also called the "Clark Pine" – came down in 1909 – was cut, starting to rot.
    - Polish Home photos – suggested we also put request for these on Facebook

<u>New/Other Business</u>

- **Recent Donations (with our thanks going to…):**
    - Copies of Aiken Knitting Co. broadside, and related receipts, copies (not the originals) of Aiken manor postcards, by Roger K. Smith
    - Ken Cushing, our speaker, gave a CD of his presentation
    - Janet Jurta, added to her donations relating to the St. Mary's School, including her mother's 1912 diploma from Parochial Grammar School, Janet's own 1950 FHS yearbook, and a certificate of appreciation for her volunteer work at the St. Theresa House, known as the Burleigh cottage when it was part of the NH Orphanage;
    - Annette Cain, for a 1977 pamphlet from the Thibault-Sargent Funeral Home plus an unused sticker listing emergency phone numbers courtesy of Dan's Pharmacy;
    - Rita Norander for allowing the Society to scan photos of her family as well as gifting real-photo-postcards of her father on ice skates, posing on a frozen Webster Lake, plus a Mr. D's placemat, and a typed history, with scanned photos, of Gilman Hersey of Hill;
    - Delaney Carrier for a box of archival material all relating to the Kenrick Farm (where he lives and operates Franklin Storage) including photos, drawings and plans, and original 19th century receipts!;
    - more glass negatives from O.A. Towne from 1895 from Chris Lewis, as well as sewing patterns for historic costumes and vintage-style clothing the entire years of 1900 and 1901 of Journal Transcripts, and a portable record player.

- **Veterans/Active Military** – FHS students to visit local Memorials on Fri, May 25 from 12-1pm – members invited to join walking tour; teacher looking for any veteran or active military who can explain each memorial

Next month: Thursday, May 3: Program, "New England Quilts and the Stories They Tell" by Pamela Weeks, a NH Humanities program. AT THE FRANKLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

The meeting was closed with the President sharing a witty definition from *The Foolish Dictionary* by Gideon Wurdz, 1904, for “fault”.

Adjournment: 9:05pm

Submitted by Karen Darling
Recording Secretary