

FRANKLIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Regular Meeting Minutes

October 4, 2018

Venue: Webster-Tay House– 7 pm

Program: “**Personal Tales of the Paranormal**” by Jim Prew

Refreshments

8:05pm -- the Business Meeting was called to order by Leigh Webb, President, with a humorous definition from *The Foolish Dictionary* by Gideon Wurdz, 1904, for “fig”.

Salute to the Flag led by Karen Darling
Moment of Silence for Departed Members

Secretary's Report

- Nov 6, 2018 minutes were passed around (and have been posted on-line as draft). Rita Norander noted misspelling of her name. **Motion** made by Linda Pauwels, seconded by Annette Andreozzi to accept the minutes as corrected; *passed*.

Treasurer's Report – none available

Unfinished/Continuing Business:

Committee Reports:

- **Building Comm:** 3rd floor vinyl siding removal and necessary repairs in abeyance until boom lift available from Beck & Bellucci or rental next year
- **Cook Book Comm** – ready to reprint; Leigh to send folder to Dan Darling, to ensure he has everything.
 - **Motion** made by Linda Pauwels, seconded by Mary Foley, to authorize spending up to \$300 to print 50 more; *passed*.
- **FaceBook update**—Karen showed several photos from Class of '36 shared by Liz McDonald, in response to our post about Sept. 28 visit by Class of '58 alumni.
- **Education Comm**— —“Trunk” in office with artifacts

Projects update: *Plaque for “Sentinel Pine”*—still need to contact owners

Porter Young films: not had time to get to Manchester yet

New/Other Business:

- **FHS Class of 1958 visit:** Last Friday, September 28th, Rita Norander brought 11 classmates and significant others to enjoy viewing exhibits and a specially prepared slideshow of their graduation photos and other pictures from their class, all scanned from Poblentz Studio negatives in the Society’s collections

- **Christmas Potluck:** Sunday, Dec. 9th, 4-7 pm, Thompson Hall
- **Recent Donations:** from Janet Jurta, continuing to add to the trove of material related to the history and the personal stories of St. Mary's School and St. Paul's Church, including photos of those who attended the school, and a booklet commemorating the 100th anniversary of St. Paul's, with snapshots of Ernest Sylvester and his grocery store (which originally had been the Shepard store, on Memorial Street); from Steve and Mary Foley, business memorabilia including ash trays (when smoking was foolishly fashionable) from Franklin Savings Bank and Prescott Oil, a more Politically Correct FSB frisbee as well as one from the Sesquicentennial, and an FSB "piggy bank" in the shape of a drum, as well as a framed pastoral scene advertising the Franklin Dairy, and a 1978 Franklin Sesquicentennial program (particularly notable as the Society just had a slideshow of Journal-Transcript photos of that event), a "This Is NH" book, two souvenir plates from the 25th reunion of the FHS Class of 1937, and the final edition of Franklin's penultimate newspaper, the Telegram; from John Benham, a box of material including manuscripts written by Mrs. John Proctor and Miss Mary Proctor, documents related to the Symons cemetery, the Colby family, and Thomas Welch, as well as a sheet about "salmon fishing"; from Carlton Ham, a slide projector, Rotary Club trophy from the 1982 Santa Claus Parade, a copy of Edward Nelson's "Assignment in Japan", framed maps of Franklin, framed Styles Bridges posters and signed photo, framed photos of the first motorized hearse in Franklin, and the original H.L. Young sign from the Central Street bldg.; Glenn Morrill who donated several bank deposit envelopes with local business ads from the 1960's; from Chris Lewis several hacksaw blades from the Griffin mill, destined, unfortunately, for probable demolition as part of the city's "downtown revitalization"; and finally from Linda Pauwels, who continues to seek out appropriate newspaper clippings and obituaries to keep on file, honoring those who have contributed to creating Franklin's history, her latest contribution.

Next Month: "Then and Now" photos

Adjournment: 8:25pm

Submitted by Karen Darling
Recording Secretary