

Minutes of Officers and Board Meeting, Franklin Historical Society
Thursday, February 22nd (snow day, the 29th), 6 pm, Thompson Hall

Note: Speakerphone attendance offered as an option No one took advantage of this option

Meeting opened by President Leigh Webb at 6 pm. Those present were the current board members and officers (except Dan Cerat and Chris Seufert), with Chuck North, Bob Lucas, Karen Darling, and Randy Kovachs also in attendance.

Slate of officers and directors: All those currently on the board and in Officer positions (with the exception of Dan Cerat) agreed to be included in the slate to be offered for election and re-election at the meeting in May. See below*

Roster update, membership renewals: Leigh and Karen are working on the new roster; dues increases effective 1 April, 2024 (doubled, with an addition of lifetime couples to \$450, approved by the board)

Recruitment suggestions for new members: Randy Kovachs suggested that perhaps a regular publication, distributed for free, may increase interest and membership. He will be submitting a proposal with volunteer needs and costs which might be associated

Speaker schedule: a variety of suggestions were made. From which a program slate will be chosen.

2024 Fund raisers: **Plant sale**—is now tentatively scheduled for Saturday, June 22nd ; **Scavenger Hunt** fund raiser proposed by Elizabeth Jewell was accepted by unanimous vote—Elizabeth will be notified to proceed, with details to follow

Education Comm: Chris Lewis, discussed goals for 2024

Boiler consumption and anticipated winter expense: still waiting to determine monthly cost to set aside necessary funds for winter 2024-25

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Garden Clean-up Day (probably April); Choose Franklin Community Day, 2nd Saturday in May; docents for “Open Hours” and Labor Day weekend

FaceBook update: Karen Darling: nothing new

Conflict of Interest Forms filled out by all in attendance

Discussion about the city's possible use of the Welcome signs now in the keeping of the Society. An unofficial vote taken to accept a proposal by the city to erect the signs, coated and protected as much as possible from vandalism, at Trestle View Park and on the lawn at Franklin Public Library. The response from the majority was positive.

Motion to adjourn by Annette Andreozzi, seconded by Frank Genus, approved.
Meeting adjourned at 7:35

*Proposed slate for May meeting: President: Leigh A. Webb

VP: Frank Genus

Treasurer: Dan Darling

Sec: Kimberly Gerlarneau

Co-Sec: Dan Cerat

Curator: Annette Andreozzi

Asst. Curator: Annette Cain

Directors: Term to 2027 Glenn Morrill, Karen Grzelak

Term to 2026 John Benham, Chris Seufert

Term to 2025 Sandra Lewis, Chris Lewis