

FRANKLIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Regular Meeting Minutes

April 5, 2018

Venue: Webster-Tay House – 7 pm

Program: “**Film Potpourri**” presented by President Leigh Webb, featuring the 1928 and 1941 16mm films (digitized) of Red Young, plus contemporary stills of the Dudley Ladd House, and a surprise or two from recent donations

The Business Meeting was called to order at 8:35pm by Leigh Webb, President by sharing a witty definition from *The Foolish Dictionary* by Gideon Wurdz, 1904.

Salute to the Flag – led by Sandra Burney
Moment of Silence for Departed Members

Secretary's Report

- **Motion** made by Annette Andreozzi, seconded by Linda Pauwels, to accept the November 2, 2017 minutes as written; *passed*.
- **Motion** made by Annette Cain, seconded by Mary Foley, to accept the minutes of the February 22, 2018 Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors as written; *passed*.

Treasurer's Report – Circulated by Leigh in Carlton Ham's absence, and attached. Total current assets \$111,477.14

Sign-up sheet for refreshments for 2018 meetings was circulated.

Unfinished/Continuing Business:

Committee Reports

- **Building** – seeking staging for vinyl siding removal, as well as bicycle parking stand for Rail Trail visitors. Chris Lewis may have small bike rack; thrown out at school.
- **Cookbook**
 - Dan Darling showed a mock-up: final cookbook will be 80 pages, spiral-bound for ease of use.
 - Goal is to have ready for sale at Community Day, May 12.
 - Still need stories: i.e. baseball games, Hospital Lawn parties, etc.
 - **Motion** made by Jack Tobey to approve up to \$250 to print. Discussion: cost about \$5 each, sell for \$10. Initial number to print, about 50; *passed*.
- **Education** – Chris Lewis gave update: committee meeting again April 16, will choose photos for first “trunk”, “Then & Now”. Goal: have one trunk in use in classrooms before end of this school year.
- **Community Day, May 12** – call for volunteers to man Historical Society table:
 - Annette Andreozzi, Annette Cain and Elizabeth Jewell to cover the day
- **Election of Officers and Board of Directors at May meeting**
 - These officers/Board members are willing to continue: Leigh (President), Carlton (Treasurer), Karen Darling (Recording Secretary), Glenn Morrill and Will Clark. Not

able to serve: Dennis Swett (term expires 2018) and Bob Morin (former Co-Recording Secretary).

- Karen Grzelak and Rita Norander are potential candidates
- **Plant Sale: Saturday, June 23**, 10am-2pm – call for volunteers and plants: contact Annette Andreozzi
- **Open House hours, Memorial Day through Labor Day weekend** – will be **Saturdays** from 10am-2pm, rather than Sundays this year.

New/Other Business

- **Hannaford's Community Bag Program** – Historical Society is designated charity for month of May
 - **Projects for 2018:**
 - Naming the “newspaper room” the “John and Richard Lewis Memorial Newspaper Room” (authorize creating a brass plaque)
 - Build steps to the Fort plaque (use RR ties from the Northern Rail Trail?), while clearing poison ivy.
 - Plaque for “Sentinel Pine” (need exact location and access)
 - Historic houses plaques (i.e. for the Ladd House?)
 - **Visit by Steven Johnson:** who proposes writing a book about the Aikens (his mother was an Aiken), visited the Society to scan original Aiken letters and documents
 - **Photos of Polish Home** – looking, for project for Franklin Middle School – Karen G. might have some.
- **Recent Donations:**
 - Signed by Alice Shepard, 1928 Pageant booklet (John Fink, Ellsworth ME)
 - Two Mojolaki golf trophies for Eugene Reeves, 1926 and 1930 (Joyce Reeves, Woodstock NY)
 - Thirty-four glass negatives from O.A. Towne, printer's blocks of three maps, and display of 1956 articles by Richard Lewis on trip to the South to study segregation with three large format photos (Chris Lewis)
 - 40x70 aerial photo of Franklin (Steve Reale and Chief Kevin LaChapelle FFD)
 - c. 1940 wicker wheelchair (Glenn Morrill)

Next month: Thursday, May 3: Program, “The Northern Railroad” by Ken Cushing; meeting, Election of Officers and Board for 2018.

Adjournment: 9:12pm

Submitted by Karen Darling
Recording Secretary