

Ira Historical Society Meeting
October 24, 2018 @ 2:00 pm
Ira Town Hall

In Attendance: Bob Kirbach, Jeanne Kirbach, Lew Hoffman, Jerri Hoffman, Allyn Kahle, Alta Johnston, Bob Toppin

Bob Kirbach called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm.

Jerri read minutes of 9/26/18 meeting; the minutes were approved.

Dues of \$70 collected at the 9/26/18 meeting were deposited into the Credit Union account and the balance in the checking account as of 9/30/18 is \$1355.00.

Allyn had questioned the individual donations reported last month of \$750.00; \$500.00 was a donation by Alderman's Toyota. Jerri will follow-up with Bill Whiteman to determine the source of the \$250.00,

Jerri provided a handout which listed emails of those currently receiving meeting notices. There was discussion on how to expand the contact list by either seeing whether the Town Clerk would be willing to email meeting notices to her town email group or provide Jerri with the list so she could add to her mailing list and also discussed the BEV mailing list. Jerri will follow-up with the Town Clerk.

Discussion of direction/goals of the Society included promoting interest in the society by holding speaker event. The long-term goal is to open the upstairs display area. Bob Kirbach indicated he would be meeting with David Wright of the Middletown Springs Historical Society to get thoughts/input.

Bob Toppin provided an update on donations of the Friends of the Town Hall. Donations from twenty people have resulted in \$3,855 to date. Bob indicated he would like to see an increase in the number of people interested in the Town Hall. Bob felt increasing the number of interested people would help with receiving grants. Bob also mentioned the brickwork repair and other priority maintenance items.

Alta and Lew have been following up with individuals regarding possible speaker events. Alta mentioned that Jim Marquis no longer does antique appraising anymore. He did provide Alta with another contact and she attempted to contact but has not yet heard back from the individual so will try again.

Lew has been to several events conducted by other historical societies and has spoken to several individuals about presenting in Ira:

- 1) Michele Pagan, textile conservator, aging and history of quilts, \$300 speaker fee
- 2) History of Gardner-Rogers Homestead; Middletown Springs - free
- 3) Vermont Author, Yvonne Daley, "Going Up the Country - When the Hippies, Dreamers, Freaks, and Radicals Moved to Vermont"; no fee but would have book sales
- 4) Vermont Author, Charles Fish, "History of Fish Family"
- 5) History of Stagecoach Barn – speaker TBD
- 6) History of ABC Stables – Jean M. Raiche, Ira resident
- 7) History of the Ira Fire Department – Bob Toppin & Bill Johnson
- 8) History of Lime Kilns in Ira – Zeb Davis (Arden Day's Property now owned by Redpath
- 9) Barbara Held of Wallingford – Rug Hooker

Since we are hoping to move forward with having a speaker event in March, it was felt that gathering speaker availability and prioritizing interest should be done in an email format or shared spreadsheet to

keep momentum moving rather than waiting for scheduled meetings. Jerri will be the contact person for this.

Lew mentioned that he has been adding pictures of the stained glass windows of the Ira Baptist Church on the IRVHS website.

Bob Toppin is looking for assistance in research and writing grants.

There was also a brief discussion of the different pattern layouts of the bricks on the Ira Town Hall.

The next meeting of the Historical Society was scheduled for **December 12th at 2:00 PM at the Town Hall**. It was noted that one individual had questioned the 2 PM timeframe after receiving the 10/24 agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 3:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerri Hoffman
Secretary