

FRANKLIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Regular Meeting Minutes

7 November 2019

Venue: Webster-Tay House– 7 pm

Program: “More Films of Red Young” presented by Leigh Webb, president, including views of 1929 Class Day Parade, Odell Park baseball and football games, 1928 Centennial Parade

Refreshments

8:45pm -- Business Meeting called to order by Leigh Webb, President, with definitions from the “Foolish Dictionary” for “hip” and “heart”.

Salute to the Flag

Moment of Silence for Departed Members (especially remembering Mary Stuart Gile, wife of lifetime member Robert Gile, who passed away recently)

Secretary's Report – October 3 minutes were posted on-line as draft, and link was sent by e-mail.

Motion made by Elizabeth Jewell, seconded by Annette Cain to accept the minutes as written; *passed*.

Treasurer's Report – None

Unfinished/Continuing Business:

- **Committee Reports:**

- Building** — Painting delayed till next spring, along with last vinyl siding removal on Webster portion

- Facebook** – Karen Darling reported that Liz Elliott McDonald, who had earlier shared information about Franklin artist Belle Butler Dresser, sadly reported that one of the artist’s descendants, James Butler III, and his wife Michelle, were the couple from Rumney in the news recently, found murdered in Corpus Christi, TX.

- Education** — Leigh contacted Franklin Middle School last month, regarding scheduling 4th grade Daniel Webster presentation he does every year, no response yet.

- **Christmas Dinner in December**—confirmed the date for Thompson Hall: Sunday, Dec. 8th -- start thinking of dishes to bring! Elizabeth offered to cook the second turkey, which Leigh and Annette offered to transport. Set-up at 4pm, social period 4:30, dinner at 5:00pm

New/Other Business:

- **“Festival of Trees”** -- Participating once again in this program of the Opera House’s“. Theme, “Spirit of Christmas Past” adorned with homemade star and scans of Christmas postcards form 100+ years ago.

Recent Donations:

- Wanda Hebert: pin-back buttons from Winter Carnival, Frontier Days, 1995 Centennial; Friend of the Society: (2) letters, one from Annie Nesmith to her brother “Sid” (1st Lt. 3rd NH Regt.)

during the Civil War (1861) re: the Mason and Slidell capture, and the other from Arthur Sidney Nesmith to his sister (1866); Mary Foley: more pots for next year's plant sale plus gardening books; Gail Brophy Barry: demitasse set (glasses, decanter, glass tray) given to her mother, Genevieve Buchanan (Brophy), in 1935 by Nellie Fresh, when both families lived on E. Bow St.; Kay Judkins Spratt: a commemorative silver spoon of the "Hillsboro Bridge"

- Scans provided: Lisa Martin: photos of the dedication of Roger Martin Field, plus the newspaper and notification telegram; Pat, from North Carolina: FHS Class of 1904 photo; and Dwight Gould Sr.: scans of 1904 poster auctioning off the Gile homestead

Announcements: The Proctor House, near Peabody Home, to be burned on Saturday. Leigh had opportunity to take inside photos beforehand.

Next Month, No regular meeting—Christmas "Pot luck" dinner at Thompson Hall

Adjournment: 9:10pm

Submitted by Karen Darling
Recording Secretary