

FRANKLIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Regular Meeting Minutes

November 2, 2017

Venue: Webster-Tay House – 7 pm

Program: “**Hands at Work: Industrial Revolution in the Granite State**”, presented by Mary Morris of the NH Historical Society

The Business Meeting was called to order at 8:50pm by Leigh Webb, President

Salute to the Flag

Moment of Silence for Departed Members, especially Jane Hancock, who passed away October 27

Secretary's Report – Oct. 5 minutes were circulated.

- Motion made by Annette Andreozzi, seconded by Mary Foley, to accept the minutes as written; *passed.*

Treasurer's Report – Circulated, and attached

- Motion made by Jack Tobey, seconded by Rosemary Mellon, to accept the treasurer's report; *passed.*

Unfinished/Continuing Business:

Committee Reports

- **Building** – vigilance during the winter
- **Cookbook** – continue work
- **Facebook** – Leigh and Joya Clark still planning to meet.
- **Education** – Leigh suggests 3-part tour of Webster-Tay House: 1) walking, grounds including cemetery; 2) interior, displays; 3) slides. Suggested he meet with full Education Committee: Chris, Steve Foley, Karen Darling, to discuss.
- **Christmas “Pot-Luck” Dinner: Sunday, Dec. 10**, 4-7pm (4-5pm set-up and social hour; 5-7pm dinner) at Thompson Hall. (Thank you, Glenn Morrill!)
 - Volunteer to cook a turkey (one of two supplied by Leigh & Annette) – Rosemary
 - Donations of non-perishable food items – church takes to food pantry
 - Bring the recipe if you bring/make a special dish – and a story to go with it! – for the Cookbook
- **Transfer of 16mm films to digital format** (see Oct. minutes):
 - Concord Camera (recommended by many) would send out of state; Leigh found a place in Manchester which hand-delivers to Boston – better handling: irreplaceable.
 - Results will be basis of a program next year

New/Other Business

- President met with Jim Prew and took photos of his home, the Dudley Ladd House, a stop on the Underground Railroad, including of the “secret room”, and carved names in the original carriage

house door. (All original flooring, plaster and exposed beams; Mr. Prew was an antiques dealer, master carpenter (made several colonial-style cabinets for the house.)

- Photos may be basis of a program next year
- Also, program suggestion from Jim: “personally-experienced paranormal stories”?

- **Recent Donations:**

- Glenn Morrill brought materials kept in storage for the Society by Jane Hancock, including a “100 Years of Service” certificate for the Franklin Woman’s Club, multiple binders of newspaper clippings and photographs (yet to be catalogued)

- President shared a clever definition for “football” from *The Foolish Dictionary* by Gideon Wurdz, 1904

Next month: No program or meeting: our annual Christmas Pot-Luck Dinner

Next program and meeting will be April 2018

Thanks to the following folks, who provided refreshments for the meetings in 2017:

Mary and Steve Foley

Karen and Dan Darling

Annette Andreozzi

Sally Bussiere

Judith and Ken Ackerson

Elizabeth Jewell

Jack Tobey

Linda Pauwels

Betty Pauwels

Adjournment: 9:08pm

Submitted by Karen Darling

Recording Secretary