

Ira Historical Society Meeting
February 27, 2019 @ 6:30 pm
Ira Town Hall

In Attendance: Bob Kirbach, Lew Hoffman, Jerri Hoffman, Allyn Kahle, Ellen Lloyd, Fran Lloyd, Lisa Hartman, Crystal Hartman, Chris Hartman

Bob Kirbach called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm

12/12/18 minutes were read and approved.

Jerri reported checking account currently has a balance of \$1400.00 effective 1/31/19.

New Business

The question was raised whether a \$500 donation to the Historical Society obtained during the summer was actually meant to be a donation for maintenance to the Ira Town Hall. The Friends of the Ira Town Hall had not been formed at the time of the donation. The donor did not specifically indicate that it was for maintenance on the building but used however the Society deemed appropriate. Jerri will follow-up with Bill Whiteman, Treasurer, to verify donor did receive a receipt from IRVHS.

Jerri received an email from Charles Fish indicating that his family had an old rifle that came down from the Ira Fish family. He indicated that he and his brother, John, would be willing to donate it to be retained with IRVHS artifacts if it could be kept safe. It was the consensus of the group that we are not in a position to safely store such an artifact. Bob will follow-up with Charles.

Jerri had also spoken with Ilene Blackman who indicated that she had a very old gallon container of maple syrup sealed with a cork with the cork having a nail in it. She would like to donate this to IRVHS. The consensus was that this should be stored with the other artifacts and Jerri will arrange to pick it up from Ilene.

There was discussion on historic roadside markers and placement. Allyn had found guidelines and application on the State of Vermont Division for Historic Preservation website. It was felt that historical research on the Town Hall, the one-room school house, or the home once serving as the post office would be good candidates for historic markers. Allyn Kahle and Lisa Hartman volunteered to do further research on historic markers and requirements.

Old Business

DAR Dedication – April 27th Karen Davis has been in touch with Michael Collins. It is the intent of the Collins family to order sandwiches and cake to be served following the DAR dedication. They would like to have an idea of how many people from Ira would be attending. Allyn will put a notice of the event in the March BEV. It was felt that using a number of 12 from the local community would be appropriate and this has been passed on to Karen Davis.

April Speaker – Lew had spoken to Charles Fish about presenting on Wednesday, April 24th and Charles indicated he would be happy to this. There was discussion whether to move the date to a Saturday. Bob Kirbach will call Charles to discuss and confirm the April 24th date.

Members agreed to supply drinks, desserts, and paper products for the event.

Jerri also shared that Ilene Blackman was friends with author Yvonne Daly and would be happy to reach out to her to speak. It was felt that since we already have someone for April to advise Ilene that we would love to have Yvonne present but it would be later in the year; no specific date determined at this time. Jerri will advise Ilene.

There were no website updates. Lew did share with the group a display he has put together on the Stagecoach Barn which is framed and ready to be hung.

Bob Toppin had sent an email with the following updates which Bob reviewed:

- Jim Moore said he would consider being a guest speaker
- We are working with Jim and the Preservation Trust to work on the upstairs windows
- Tim Perry offered to weld up another of the school desks
- I'd like to clean out more of the stuff from the upstairs that we determine as unuseable; Some of the theater seats for example; I could use some help disposing of some of the cleanup
- Fire Dept fund raiser grossed \$975 for the breakfast
- Town Hall fund raiser 51 donors and \$7200
- Goods and Services Auction March 23 to benefit the town hall; getting in some nice donations for the auction

The next meeting of the IRVHS was scheduled for Wednesday, April 10th at 6:30 pm at the Ira Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerri Hoffman,
Secretary