

FRANKLIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Regular Meeting Minutes

June 7, 2018

Venue: Webster-Tay House – 7 pm

Program: “**New England Quilts and the Stories They Tell**” by Pamela Weeks, NH Humanities

The Business Meeting was called to order at 8:35pm by Leigh Webb, President

Salute to the Flag

Moment of Silence for Departed Members

Secretary's Report

- May 3, 2018 minutes were passed around. **Motion** made by Linda Pauwels, seconded by Jack Tobey, to accept the minutes as written; *passed*.

Treasurer's Report – **Motion** made by Annette Cain to accept; *passed*.

Unfinished/Continuing Business:

Committee Reports

- **Building** – waiting for weather to be without forecast of rain; scissor lift (from William Day, with plywood from Alan Larter, with assist from Steve Foley – all at no charge) in place for front work; Rte 3 side may need to hire professionals; garden clean-up to be announced soon
- **Cookbook**
 - Expanded edition next! First edition almost sold out (five copies remaining).
- **Education** – Chris Lewis gave update:
 - First “history trunk” (“Then & Now” theme) being tested out at Franklin Middle School this week – looking for older suitcase/valise.
 - “Billboard” project becoming posters.
- **Facebook** – Joya Clark gave update: 97% increase in engagement.

Community Day, May 12 – was very successful! Over \$300 in receipts! (Mostly, selling cookbooks and t-shirts.) Thank you to our volunteers: Mary Foley, Elizabeth Jewell, Annette Cain and Annette Andreozzi.

Plant Sale: Saturday, June 23, 10am-2pm – need volunteers and plants: contact Annette

Reminder: Open House hours, Memorial Day through Labor Day weekend – will be **Saturdays** from **10am-2pm**, rather than Sundays this year.

Projects Update:

- *Naming the “Newspaper Room”* the “John and Richard Lewis Memorial Newspaper Room”—done;
- *Build steps* to Fort plaque (RR ties from trail obtained), clearing brush—done;

- *Plaque for “Sentinel Pine”*—need to ascertain ownership of property; location information provided by Paul Doucette;
- *GAR Hall*—cleaned up and padlock installed on glass cabinet – done. Mystery: Cummings’ family Bible; missing Sioux arrow and cartridge box.

New/Other Business

- **Photos of the Proctor House** – now owned by Peabody Home, but has been vandalized while sitting empty, and may be demolished. They would love for someone to buy and renovate it. Thank you Meg Miller and John Benham for tour.
- **Recent Donations (with our thanks going to...):**
 - John Benham—composition booklet on film from Proctor basement, (3) Daniel Jr. HS Echoes, 1923-24 signed Shirley Smythe, and framed photo of 1928 Sulloway Mills float;
 - Jim & Teresa Collins—framed Webster Bust dedication photo;
 - Joyce Reeves—1947 snapshot of Bessie Rowell;
 - Pete Sorette—approx. 25 trophies and plaques from St. Mary’s;
 - Roy & Donna Gilbreth—baby shoes from Holmes and Nelson;
 - Chris Lewis—MORE 1880’s era glass negatives from O.A. Towne! Includes some of Old Orchard Beach (Maine) area beachside hotels and Railroad stations and trains;
 - Paul Doucette – CD of photos of the Babbit House, which has recently been purchased, hoping new owner planning to renovate the exterior.
- **Photos of these two homes**, Proctor House and Babbit House, may become a program for next year.
- **Portrait** in upstairs meeting room at Library was originally in Leigh and Annette’s home!
- **Andover Historical Society’s** program in two weeks is on “Poor Farms” with Steve Taylor

Next month: Thursday, July 5 Program, “Scrapbooks” at Webster-Tay House at 7pm

Adjournment: 9:15pm

Submitted by Karen Darling
Recording Secretary