

Ira Historical Society Meeting
December 12, 2018 @ 2:00 pm
Ira Town Hall

In Attendance: Bob Kirbach, Lew Hoffman, Jerri Hoffman, Allyn Kahle, Alta Johnston, Bob Toppin, Lisa Hartman, Crystal Hartman

Bob Kirbach called the meeting to order at 2:06 pm.

Jerri read minutes of 10/24/18 meeting; the minutes were approved.

Jerri noted that a \$25 donation had been deposited in the Credit Union account on 11/28/18 bringing the balance to \$1,380 as of November 30, 2018.

Jerri will follow up with Karen Davis, Town Clerk, as to whether she would consider mailing meeting notices to her electronic town mailing list. Jerri encountered group membership limitations when attempting to add additional email addresses to the current email group.

There was discussion on changing the time of the meeting back to 6:30 in the evening to allow those people who work the opportunity to attend.

Bob Toppin provided an update on the Friends of the Ira Town Hall. Currently donations have been received from 40 people totaling \$5845. A service auction has been scheduled for March 23. A quote has been received from Connor Restorations on next biggest issues.... sills on upstairs windows, flashing on boiler room... total bid \$8600.

Discussion included other ways to get donations by soliciting second home owners, corporations, and grant money.

Lew had been contacted by Michael Collins regarding a DAR dedication at the Ira Riverside Cemetery for members of the Collin family. This event is to take place in the month of April. The specific date was not confirmed at the meeting. In initial communications, Michael Collins mentioned having sandwiches brought in for this event and there was a suggestion of having a pot luck in which attendees could make donations to the Friends of the Ira Town Hall. Lew mentioned that there are 37 Collins buried in Ira Riverside Cemetery and that the Collins family had donated the land where the Ira Town Hall resides and felt the fee for use of the town hall should be waived. The Select Board has agreed to waive the fee but would like to see donations made to the Friends of the Town Hall. Lew will follow up with Michael Collins to get exact date, number of people attending, etc.

Lew also mentioned that he is looking for pictures of the Stage Coach Barn from years past when it was active as he is putting together a display.

The subject of speakers for the spring was once again discussed and reviewed. Lew indicated Barbara Held would be happy to come and do a presentation on Rug Hooking anytime and this would be at no cost.

There had been previous discussions on a marker on the road denoting the residence of General Wing. However, current residents are quite adamant that they do not wish such a marker to be erected as they feel it would cause much unwelcome traffic and visits. Also, the organization erecting such a marker would be responsible for its upkeep and maintenance. Therefore, the matter has been tabled.

Lew indicated he has added information on the Town Hall brickwork on the website.

He also brought an old cowbell obtained from Shona Marston which was found in the field near her residence

The Hartmans paid \$15 family membership and donated an additional \$5 to IRVHS. Lisa suggested the sale of t-shirts as a possible means of raising money.

The next meeting of the IRVHS was scheduled for Wednesday, February 27th at 6:30 pm at the Ira Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerri Hoffman,
Secretary