

Minutes for the Franklin Historical Society Meeting

3 November 2022

Program at 7:00pm: “**Remembering Franklin’s Veterans**” highlighting Ted Lepianka, Bernice Sinclair, Neal Martin, and the soldier who did not return, Roger S. Martin

Refreshments

Business meeting at 8:05pm:

Salute to the Flag led by Karen Grzelak

Moment of Silence for departed members (Fay Mahoney)

Secretary’s Report (online draft) – motion to accept the minutes of October 6 made by Annette Andreozzi, seconded by Karen G, *motion passed*

Treasurer’s Report – treasurer absent; President Leigh Webb noted that our investments are declining, as expected in current economic climate. Income and expenses were detailed for August and September, including the payout of the annual insurance bill of \$2,252. Checking account balance is \$2,376.18 and balance of the Martin Memorial Fund is \$1,210. Motion to accept made by Sandra Burney, seconded by Annette Cain; *motion passed*.

Old and/or Continuing Business:

Committee Reports:

Building — Leigh Webb: more painting next year

FaceBook update—Karen Darling: several comments, in response to photo of rivets box in the October newsletter, suggesting that the box was re-used for other purposes.

Education Comm— Chris Lewis: finalizing “Then and Now” activity, meeting again Nov. 8

Christmas Pot-luck dinner: confirmed for 4-7 pm, Thompson Hall, Sunday

December 11th – turkeys, garlic mashed potatoes and punch are already spoken for, members encouraged to bring other items. Reminder to bring non-perishables, which the church will then donate to the Food Pantry.

Curator—Thanks to the following for their contributions: to **Donna Gilbreth** for a Mouli cheeses grater, Star-lite waffle iron (originally sent to Verna Schwartz, and after inspecting it, there is little wonder it was infrequently or ever used...), and fridge magnets from FSB and the Franklin Co-operative Bank, all found in the carriage house of the Gilbreth property at the corner of School and Prospect Streets; to **Kathy Fuller** for “Your Hit Parade” CD’s of 1942-49 and the aforementioned “Songs of WWII”; to **John Benham** for a framed photo of generations of “The Kearsage Mountain Boys” (please note: this will be on display so everyone can help to identify those pictured) with a folder of the organization’s records; to **Linda Pauwels** for her usual contributions of local obituaries and newspaper articles of interest; to **Rita Norander** for collectible newspapers from **Sue Winters** of Andover highlighting the Sesquicentennial and articles

of historic interest in the Trumpeter; to **Elizabeth Jewell** for contributing a camo US Army uniform worn by her son; to **Myla Everett** for FHS Class of 1932 memorabilia (her mother's class), miscellaneous newspapers, a souvenir booklet c. 1900 of Franklin photos, and Franklin business memorabilia; and **Lisa Martin** for so many items in creating the Martin Memorial display, with personal items from Roger Martin, a scrapbook compiled by her grandmother, and several things of her father Neal Martin (who also served in WWII in the European Theater, including the Battle of the Bulge) and her uncle Ray Martin, who served in the Air Force during the Korean Conflict

Printing of (30) Webster Lake maps *still* at printer, R.P. Hale in Concord

Lisa Martin a guest tonight

Projects update—a bump in the road to reprint “Echoes of the Mills”; printer cannot open the file; will ask Dan Darling for assistance.

New/Other Business:

Announcements:

- President Leigh Webb toured the grounds (the other buildings, not Webster/Tay house) with Franklin Mayor Jo Brown and representatives of Easter Seals. They have a \$21 million grant from the State to renovate, in preparation to open a “veteran’s campus”, which will contain permanent, as well as “transitional housing” if space allows. Preservation easements exist on exteriors of most buildings. The guests asked about the possible “bomb shelter” with Civil Defense supplies from the Cold War era, which Leigh described from his visit to it some 17 years ago.

Next Meeting: For the Board and officers, February, 2023; and for the membership, April, 2023.

The Holiday Potluck is Dec. 11, 2022.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Have a safe winter!