

Groton Historical Society Minutes
September 6, 2016

Present: Deborah Jurist, Phyllis Burke, Peggy Burgin, Janet Puffer, Sally Blair, Mike Blair, Phil Coutu, Erik Volk, Brent Smith, Alissa Smith, Linda Egleston, Gary Egleston and George Hall

Meeting called to order 6:04 PM

- **Donated Portraits**
 - Linda and Gary Egleston brought a bunch of portraits and photos of Frost Family ancestors.
 - The society took some time to review them and expressed concern that we may not have room to store them all and/or assure their protection.]
 - Several items were selected to store at the Historical House and/or to make connections with relevant family members who may desired the.
- **Last Month's Minutes**
 - Erik reviewed last month's minutes and they were all approved.
- **Roof Repair –**
 - Alissa contacted Dave Gandin and is awaiting response but has not heard back yet.
 - Matt Nunn is another person who could be asked to do the roof. Brent will contact Matt Nunn
- **Treasurers Report**
 - Two new memberships have been recived
 - \$243.85 was received as proceeds from the high school reunion raffle. \
 - Books sales were \$95.49 including one online sale.
 - Electric Bill was paid
 - Banjo Dan concert payment was processed. Arrangements still being made to receive monies from co-sponsor organizations (Rec Dept & Library)
 - Directors and Officers Insurance has been paid our insurance through Swenson. Insurance.
 - A check was given to Erik to compensate him for most recent book order
 - Balances are \$2,115.81 in checking and \$9,942.04 in certificate account.
 - Deb gave money from event. Pie money, book, sales, memberships and two people who want through our neighbors eyes DVD.s Have copy at the house. Reproduce it ourselves. \$551.75.
 - About \$210 was earned from sales of the pies at Banjo Dan.
 - It was suggested that we have a "Family Membership" for \$15. We should change the membership sheet next time it is distributed.
 - Treasurer's report approved and passed.
- **Requests**
 - A request for Genealogy information came in. The woman was looking to bring her family genealogy up to date. Deb will put her in touch with Willard.
 - Erik reported that we had a request from Stan Beck who is looking to locate information on his grandfather's Farmall dealership. Erik will tell him we will be open for Fall Foliage

Day on October 1 and will make arrangements for a visit on an alternate date if that will not work for him.

- Erik reported that we had a request for Seyon Lodge. We will get back to them and invite her to the next meeting.
- **Postcards**
 - Judy Chandler created albums for some of the post cards and photos. She also organized some of the postcards in a box for easy perusal.
- **Agenda Changes**
 - Due to a recent increase in correspondence and requests, it was suggested we had Correspondence as a recurring agenda item.
- **Online Processing of Dues**
 - Brent reported that the snowmobile club is doing online payment of dues. The Historical Society might want to do that. Brent will check with Gary Lamberton and see what they are using.
 - Erik reported that the Library is currently in the process of organizing online payments for their Annual Appeal via Paypal. He can report back once that is set up and functioning.
- **Follow Up On Banjo Dan Concert**
 - We should have designated handicapped parking for the next concert.
 - We should pass the hat to procure additional donations.
 - We should work with the Library so that a volunteer is present to allow people to use the bathroom.
 - Food should be available closer to the actual concert
 - More volunteers could have been used for the pie station
- **Fall Foliage Day**
 - We will be open all day and allow the public to visit the house
 - There are 6 pies in the freezer that can be used for the event.
 - After some discussion, it was decided that we would have a historical walking tour led by Erik and/or Phil. Some of the suggested places for the tour were:
 - Blacksmith shop – not really old but is the same place
 - Bistro
 - Old railroad station on Dave Sanville's property
 - Hatch Block,
 - Welch Block
 - Morrison Hall
 - Creamery
 - First Fire Station
 - Methodist Church
 - Stone Shed next to Janet's House
 - Artesano's Meadery building
 - Original Post Office
 - Lord's printing press
 - Undertakers parlor
 - Old IGA store

- Old telephone central
 - Weeds Hotel
 - Henry's Diner
 - Barber Shop
 - Village school
 - Page Chains
- Peggy suggested we make unidentified photos available and see if visitors can identify them
 - Meeting adjourned at 7:33.
 - Deborah, Erik, Phil, Janet, Deane, Bing and anyone else who is interested will meet at Janet's home on Monday, September 19 at 9 AM to gather additional information for the walking tour.

To Do

Anyone Interested	Meet at Janet Puffers on Monday, September 19 to get more details for walking tour
Brent	Contact Matt Nunn about roof
Brent	Check with Snowmobile club regarding online processing of dues
Deb	Will arrange to make initial copies of "Through Our Neighbor's Eyes"
Deborah	Update membership information to allow for \$15 family membership
Deborah	Will put woman look for genealogy assistance in touch with Willard
Deborah	Will make sign for Walking Tour
Erik	Work with Deb to see if we can copy Through Our Neighbor's Eyes DVD for the future.
Erik	Follow up with Stan Beck regarding visit to the Peter Paul House
Erik	Will check with Library regarding online processing of donations
Erik	Will publicize walking tour on Listservs
Janet	Will host morning meeting for historical tour on September 19.