

Groton Historical Society-Groton, Vermont

Minutes from meeting May 2, 2017

Minutes taken by Secretary Philip Coutu (minutes are approved by officers and uploaded to website)

Meeting called to order at 6:08 pm at the Peter Paul House in Groton, VT

Members present-Deborah Jurist, Brent Smith, Janet Puffer, Sam Puffer, Phil Coutu, Erik Volk, Alissa Smith, Phyllis Burke and Peggy Burgin

I. Officer Elections-

-Alissa Smith resigned as Treasurer; however, she still wants to remain an active member. Erik Volk is moving from Secretary to Treasurer. Philip Coutu is the new Secretary.

Officers for 2017 are: President-Deborah Jurist, Vice President-Brent Smith, Secretary-Philip Coutu, and Treasurer-Erik Volk

II. Old Business

Deb read minutes from last meeting in October 2016.

Phyllis talked about hanging before and after renovation photos of each room in the Peter Paul House, thus showing the tremendous effort and restoration. Group agreed it would be nice addition.

Deb talked about creating another framed piece for Janet and Harold Puffer, similar to one for the Pages and Frenchs' that describes the dedication and hard work given to PPH and GHS.

Brent talked getting access to the state 911 map. Shows much more detail than most available.

Roof- Painting of roof. Right now we are going with Matt Nunn's estimate...Brent will ask if that is a firm price. Sam Puffer suggested they seal chimney while up there.

III. Financials/Correspondence

See last page of this report for current financial statement

Wells River account is now charging \$1.50 for paper statement

Alissa talked about Non-profit status and agent is Janet Puffer. Question came as to how to change this? Are we a 501c3? Erik offered to look into status.

Deb mentioned it about \$3000 a year for average expenses to run Peter Paul House (including taxes, electricity, insurance, etc.)

Alissa mentioned we got some historic photos/post cards in the mail as donations. She also went over other items that we got in mail. Deb volunteered to come up with thank you letter template and will mail out letters to recent donors of items to GHS.

IV. New Business

Erik mentioned maybe we can open up house up more. Quarterly?

Deb brought up that we should be getting more volunteers to help with things. Volunteers to help events, mailings, light repairs, newsletter, genealogy etc.

Possible names of volunteers-Deb Johnson, Carla Johnson, Chris Stock, Kirsten Murch, Martha Montague, students, Brenda Powers, Ellen Cady, Linda Nunn,

V. Fundraising

Casino night? Erik is looking into legality of casino night. We would not be bringing in/renting a lot of games ..e.g. cards Poker, Black Jack etc.

Seth Eastman's book-Erik gave us update on transcribing project. Close to completion. Hopefully project will be done in June 2017. Transcription work day will be Monday, May 22 9:30am. Deb will send an email asking for volunteers.

Deb reminded that we need to finish up Mr. Glover's Childhood Stories project

Sam talked about potential fundraiser to see when Davis/Brooks barn will fall.

VI. Tasks

Retiring Treasurer, Alyssa and Erik will meet to go over Treasurer duties

Deborah writing thank you letter template and putting in Google Docs so Secretary can send letters when we get donations

Deb talking to Kirsten Murch about Casino night

Brent checking with Matt Nunn for roof painting.

Deb asking Richard Montague for helping restore sign.

Deb printing of newsletter? Quarterly...A new volunteer

Deb and Phyllis working on photo montage of house

Erik is looking into Federal ID and our non-profit status ? Are we required to send in fed taxes. Do we fall under town non-profit.

Erik and Deb looking into legal issues with doing a casino night

Phil will finish meeting minutes and send to members in attendance then upload to Google drive and website.

See next page for financial report

**Groton Historical Society
Treasury Report
May 2, 2017**

Balance as of January 1 2017			\$3,306.03
Income:		New	Total to date
Membership + proceeds & donations		\$876.47	\$876.47
Total Income since 1/1/16			\$876.47
Expenses:		New	Total to date
Electricity		\$20.38	\$82.38
Upkeep (cleaning/mowing etc.)		\$200.00	\$200.00
Postmaster (box rental & stamps)			
WRS paper statement fee		\$1.50	\$6.00
Union Mutual			
Supplies			
VT Historical Society Dues			
Swenson Insurance			
Newsletter printing		\$269.82	\$560.90
		\$25.00	\$25.00
Book printing			
DVD production		\$54.95	\$54.95
Powers Plumbing and Heating		\$153.70	\$153.70
Total Expenses since 1/1/17			\$1,082.93
Balance as of May 2, 2017			\$3,099.57

Balance in Certificate as of May 2, 2017

\$9,961.91