

Curators Committee Quarterly Meeting ACCEPTED  
Monday, March 10, 2014  
1 P.M.at the Town Conference Room

Present: Dan Fleetham, Sr, Reg Barney, Donna Dunkerton, Carol Bergeron

Minutes of December 9, 2013 accepted with the correction of the name of the Cummings' nephew: Brad Gurney.

Treasurer reported on the Historical Society's accounts.

Correspondence: None

Old Business: Donna is working on the wording for the NH State Historical marker honoring Noyes Academy. We will suggest to the State that it be placed in front of the Museum as the owners of the Noyes site have refused permission. Donna also reported that the NH Humanities Council is giving us a grant of \$225.00 to engage Steve Taylor to give a program on one room rural schoolhouses. A donation of \$50.00 from the Canaan Historical Society will pay for the balance of the fee. The program will be held in the Meeting House, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 7 p.m. Donna also reported that we should schedule Bob Terhune's program on the history of medical care in Canaan for the end of June.

Carol mentioned the Museum specialists we may be contacting for quotes on their assessments of our collection. A list of Goals for the Year was presented and discussed. [The list is appended]. We will aim in late June to clean the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor and move the theater curtains and duplicate inventory up to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor with the assistance of strong people. We will also clean and organize the front and rear closets on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor. In response to Ann's question of what artifacts are off-limits to touching by visitors, we should list the important artifacts and compile plans for their preservation.

Donna reported that Gary Hamel is not able to repaint the Museum sign and we will investigate other possibilities. Donna would like to honor the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year of NH History Day and the late Nancy Snyder's participation in it since the beginning.

Finally, we will work on introducing new volunteers to helping with the Museum's mission.

Annual Meeting followed. It was moved and seconded to re-appoint the following members whose terms have expired: Dan Fleetham Sr., Reg Barney, Donna Dunkerton. The term is for three years.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be July 2, 2014.

Carol Bergeron

Curators Committee Meeting June 2, 2014 APPROVED

Members present: Reg Barney, Carol Bergeron, Donna Dunkerton, Carolyn Barney, Ann Wadsworth, Patsy Carter.

Minutes of March 14, 2014 were approved with the following corrections: Ann Wadsworth did not attend meeting, sum of \$200.00 changed to \$225.00.

Treasurer's report No change

Correspondence None

Old Business: A moment of silence was observed in memory of Ed Lary, our Vice-Chairman.

Donna washed the Museum sign in lieu of repainting it. She reported on the progress for obtaining the State sign honoring the Noyes Academy and the petitions which were signed. She also reported that John Bergeron has typed and framed the list of donors to the school bell on display in the museum.

New Business Carol spoke about the interest in engaging a museum specialist to evaluate our collection with an emphasis on conservation. Discussion included that the lack of heat in the building and the cement floors are detrimental to our artifacts. Patsy offered to ask at Dartmouth College for suggestions for conservators and Carolyn will ask her cousin for advice.

Donna's brother Larry Tibbets will be at the museum to assist with moving heavy objects. Carol reported that Mike Samson approved having the DPW provide similar assistance.

The minutes of the Canaan Lake Assoc. have been added to the collection.

Ann Wadsworth was voted unanimously to be our new Vice-Chairwoman.

Meeting adjourned

Next meeting October 6, 2014

Curators Committee Meeting APPROVED  
October 6, 2014

Present: Dan Fleetham, Sr, Reg Barney, Carol Bergeron, Donna Dunkerton, Carolyn Barney, Ann Wadsworth, Patsy Carter.

Minutes of June 2, 2014 Approved.

Correspondence: Hood Museum recommended conservators; Mt Kearsarge Indian Museum management conference.

Old Business: Patsy received from the Hood Museum a lengthy and area specific list of conservators.

Accomplishments this year:

Hallway & front closet cleaned out

Additional display case added

Application for State Historical Marker

Assisted Historical Society with two public programs

Research done by Historian has increased to 35 plus inquiries

School program marking NH History Day has been held for the thirtieth year.

Carol asked Donna to begin keeping a record of all the people who contact her with requests for information and also who she does research for.

Goals for the year: complete computerizing the Museum inventory; locate undocumented objects; update record keeping of donations and signed donor documents.

A workable system for accepting and recording donations

A comfortable area for visitors to do research

Write a job description for the Town Historian as requested by the Town Administrator. [The suggestions would be considered for use by the Administrator]

Carol mentioned the current concern for the future survival of Historic House Museums and Historic Museums. She will email some of the discussions to the members. The static nature of house museums vs the ability of museums to change exhibits is in our favor.

Meeting adjourned; Next meeting January 19, 2015