

Springfield Historical Society Board of Directors meeting December 13, 2022

Held Jim Bednar's

In attendance: President James Bednar

Vice President Pixie Hill

Secretary Gregory Bruss

Society Board members: Alison Patten, Poul Heilmann, Bonnie Fladung

Absent: Treasurer Angela MacCreighton, but submitted reports via President

Agenda and Minutes Moved approved

Financial Reports for Oct and Nov were sent by Angela.

We have in accounts \$48,935.12 with an additional \$467 brought in at the Craft fair in early Dec.

Raise the Barn account has \$7,118.17 although a few outstanding bills yet to be submitted.

Jim reported that past events Sip a Soup and the Craft Fair were very successful. It was observed that the experiment of printing old photo cards was very well received and more will be made. Suggestion to also offer photos as post cards or coasters for sale.. Brick sale was launched and orders were taken.

Began discussion, which needs further development, on strategies for a membership drive in the upcoming year. Potential to tie it to the brick sale fundraising and town wide mailing of newsletter.

Newsletter for spring is tentatively scheduled for April mailing. Jim is preparing the Historical Society report for the Annual Report will submit by Jan 15. Jim is also working on proposals to the town budget that falls within our role as Steward. .

Bonnie gave report on Brick fund raiser, web portal for credit card use will be made available. Price per brick \$40, estimate at this time it will take 200 bricks for the initial path. Early plans for landscaping also discussed with diagrams from Bonnie and her husband presented. Pixie will advertise on the town website.

Preliminary planning for the upcoming year focused on possibly rolling back the every weekend activity schedule to allow space to focus on displays for the museum and the Shed with priority on identifying and labeling. Special Exhibits suggested for public display. Leigh's map house work, more on the schools and photos of students, more comprehensive display on Springfield's Vets, past town businesses were all amongst the suggestions. This will require considerable work both inside the museum and in readying the Shed for opening to the public. Will attempt to firm up the calendar at the January meeting.

Jim is also working on Fire Department/old town store stove guardianship and display issues before possible installation in the Shed.

Interview filming by Jim and Bonnie will set dates and begin with the list already assembled

Next meeting January 10, 2023 3:00pm at Jim Bednars.

