**Springfield Historical Society Board of Directors meeting January 10, 2023**

Held Jim Bednar’s

In attendance: President James Bednar

Vice President Pixie Hill

Secretary Gregory Bruss

Treasurer Angela MaCreighton

Society Board members: Alison Patten,  Poul Heilmann  Bonnie Fladung

Minutes and agenda approved

**Financial Report**. Angela presented a detailed report on the finances along with an overview on how the expenditures for the past year fell within the year’s approved budget. It was noted that due to the grant money awarded we were $4,335.28 unspent of what had been allocated. With growing expenses expected in the upcoming 2023 year a preliminary estimate of $12,604.99 was put forward to be considered for the next year’s budget. See attached report submitted by Angela for comprehensive review.

**Thinking ahead discussion** centered on scaling back of weekly summer activities with fewer events and bake sales. The museum will continue to be open weekends, but this allows for focusing on reordering the exhibits and archives as we expand the agricultural exhibits into the Shed and arrange the work space for archival work in the newly freed up spaces. We still hope to draw in more volunteers to assist in all the work this will entail.

**Communications** Jim will submit the Historical Society’s yearly summary for inclusion in the Town’s Annual Report by Jan 15. Bonnie arranged for an article on the Tool Shed to be published in the Eastman Newsletter which Jim will write by February 15th deadline.

The general mailing of Historical Society Newsletter is set for April.

Bonnie and Jim report very satisfied with the results of filming the first town interviews done and ready for editing.

**Brick sale** ongoing discussion of strategies for fund raising and planned landscaping for this summer in anticipation of the dedication ceremony. The Tool Shed will require a lot of work with storage addition, steps and back door, staining the shed as well as designing shelving and new displays for collected items.

As mentioned it will require thought and effort in coordinating collected and existing items into the new display space with appropriate labels and explanations of the town’s varied agricultural past.

**Calendar**

Summer theme for the Museum will focus on “School Days” anticipate having all set by opening weekend in May. Getting the museum back in operation with new curtains for windows.

May 27 Scholarships awarded and opening day

June 17 Official grand opening with Hot Dogs and Bake Sale.

Pulled Pork needs to be scheduled in July

August 16 Civil War Band Humanities activity

August 26 Ramble around the Lake

Sept 2 Closing suggested Brick order deadline. With laying to be done in September.

October 14 Annual Meeting and Pot Luck

November 4 Sip a Soup

Next meeting February 14, 2023 at Bednar’s 4:10pm