

September 12, 2023 Springfield Historical Society Minutes

The September 12, 2023 meeting took place at the museum with Poul Heilmann, Gregory Bruss, Angela MacCreighton and Pixie Hill present. The meeting began at 3 p.m. Gregory Bruss moved that the minutes from August be accepted as written, Poul Heilmann seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Angela MacCreighton gave the treasurer's report. To date there is \$53,358.31 in the various accounts, including the scholarship accounts. The increase in the revenue since last month was from memorial contributions in Donna Denniston's name, Ramble Round the Lake and the bake sales. Currently, 118 bricks have been sold with \$2,478 going to the scholarship fund.

Due to Bonnie Fladung's absence from this meeting, there was nothing to report on the Website. The annual meeting postcard, also advertising the Sip-a-Soup and silent auction will be mailed by Oct. 7th. The Sip-a-Soup will be advertised in the Shopper in the Nov. 1 edition. Thank you notes for the Donna Denniston donations are being sent by Pixie Hill. Jim Bednar is doing the first round of film editing.

Discussion followed regarding the recent events. All present felt the events went well, except for the spaghetti dinner and band concert. Why? Pixie Hill stated that in the past spaghetti dinners started at 5 p.m. instead of 6 p.m.. Some people wanted just the dinner and not the concert. Some wanted just the concert and not the dinner. Hard to say what the answer to this is. Further discussion on this as we plan next year's schedule in the winter months. It was mentioned that maybe a ham and bean dinner would be more popular.

For the upcoming events, Pixie will reach out to Tyler Road Band to see if they can start at 6:30 for the Oct. 21, 2023 Annual Meeting. The group decided that a 5-6 p.m. potluck dinner followed by a 6-6:30 p.m. meeting time and band from 6:30-7:30 would be desirable. Gregory Bruss continues to work on getting the materials needed for the Consultation visit. Janet Hendl and Gerry Monty will be contacted as to the dates of the Cataloging Consultation visit so they can attend and hear firsthand how things are going to be organized.

Merchandise was discussed briefly. The group feels that no more merchandise should be purchased this year. An attempt to sell what we have should be made first and hopefully the Christmas Craft Fair will help with that.

The cannon from Faraway (Alice Nulsen Trust) has been donated and delivered to the Historical Society Museum. Kevin Roberts expertly moved the cannon from Philbrick Hill to Four Corners Rd at no charge. (What a great town this continues to be). It looks great at its new home. No sign of the bee hive from the Cuttings and Jim Bednar will work with Bill Waddell on obtaining some wagon wheels. Poul Heilmann will continue to work on the hinges and floor/ceiling bolts. Poul Heilmann and Pixie Hill will look into staining the shed this fall when we have at least a 3 day stretch of good weather. It is estimated to take 3 gallons of preservative.

The AC in the window will be taken out in October when it cools down a little. The sign will also be stored inside at that time.

The group discussed the need for a follow-up conversation on filling Alison Patten's Board Position. With Jim Bednar not present it was put off until the next meeting.

New business: Pixie Hill mentioned the need for pest control (ants) at the museum as sawdust is appearing at the corners of the building. Poul Heilmann will talk to the selectboard to see if there is a contract the town has for doing town buildings. He will get back to us.

Next Meeting: October 17, 2023 at the Bednar's at 3 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pixie Hill