

February 13, 2024 Historical Society Meeting Minutes

The February 13, 2024 Historical Society Meeting was held at Jim Bednar's house with the following board members present: Jim Bednar, Poul Heilmann, Angela MacCreighton, Pixie Hill, Bonnie Fladung, Nyla Waddell and Gregory Bruss. Pixie Hill motioned to accept the January Meeting Minutes, Poul Heilmann seconded the motion and they were unanimously approved.

The discussion quickly changed to the approval of the 2024 budget, which Angela presented. The proposed budget for 2024 has expenses slightly higher than 2023 and income lower as events and fundraisers have not been finalized for the 2024 season. After some discussion, Poul Heilmann moved to accept the proposed budget and Gregory Bruss seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The treasurer's report shows the net worth of the Historical Society as \$50,785.53. At this period in time, brick sales total 160 with a deadline of the sales being May 1, 2024.

The next discussion focused on the slight revision of some of the elements of the Constitution of the Historical Society. Some of the terminology needed revision, date of the annual meeting and number of directors and positions held. Jim Bednar said he would do a re-write of the suggested changes and present it at the March Board meeting and vote on it at that point.

Jim and Gregory reported that the cataloging project in the New Hampshire room is underway. Poul has purchased a camera for the process and will be hanging up instructions so it will be helpful to people working on this project. New manuals have been ordered.

Angela MacCreighton will provide a financial report to the donor of the Trudy Heath Heritage Fund. Jim is trying to find a Colby Sawyer intern to assist with editing of footage that Bonnie Fladung gathered when interviewing Springfield people. If one can be found, it may lead to other aspects of the documentation of long-term Springfield residents. On February 29th, 2024, Jim is hosting a meeting of all the organizations in town, attempting to increase volunteerism and figuring out a way to intertwine the organizations so we can work better together and not duplicate efforts.

Due to the extensive discussion on the Constitution and 2024 Budget, there was not time to cover other aspects of the agenda. Pixie reported that NH Humanities would not allow us to book a program until after May 1. It was decided that on Saturday, April 13 there would be a potluck supper and cracker barrel talk. Pixie and Nyla will work together on planning something. It will be held at 5 p.m. at the Meeting House. At this time the historical society membership will be asked to vote on the proposed changes to date of the annual meeting.

Rubber Ducky tickets to go on sale March 1, 2024 at the town office. 250 tickets to be sold at \$5 each. Jim and Pixie to sell tickets at the Post Office Parking lot on Saturdays, weather dependent.

Nex Meeting Scheduled for Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 4:40 p.m. at the home of Jim Bednar.

Respectfully submitted,

Pixie Hill, Secretary and VP