

Colchester Historical Society
Board of Governors Meeting
July 11, 2018

Present: James Ciaglo, Angela George, Bertha Glemboski, Steven Kane, Arthur Liverant, Gigi Liverant, Goldie Liverant, (via teleconferencing), James McNair, Donald Standish, Mary Tomasi, Sheila Tortorigi, Gary Walters

Absent: Linda Stoddard,

Other: Denise Turner, Brian Smith, Jean Smith, Melissa Standish

Call to Order: by President G. Liverant at 7:07 PM

Motion to approve the May 16, 2018 minutes: Goldi Liverant, second: M. Tomasi, motion carried.

Financial Update:

1. Financial statement of June 1 - July 3, 2018, attached
2. Membership renewals and donations are coming in
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5. Need to establish a budget at the next meeting for the coming year
6. Need to establish financial goals
7. 8. Request from SE CT Cultural Coalition for a donation
9. Eliminate the position of Assistant Treasurer and create a Finance Committee in its place

Governance:

1. Nominations of new Co-Vice Presidents: M. Tomasi, L. Stoddard
 - a. motion: Goldie Liverant, second: S. Kane,
 - b. motion carried
2. Nomination to seat D. Turner, B. Smith and J. Smith on the Board of Governors
 - a. motion: M. Tomasi, second: S. Kane
 - b. motion carried
3. By-Laws will need a review presently, B. Smith and M. Tomasi to serve on committee to review

Communications and Programs:

1. Joanie has submitted her two week notice to pursue another position, no replacement for her position
2. Discussion on the creation of a new position, Director of Development and Public Relations, this position will also feature a financial component - fund raising
3. Job description for this new position needs to be developed
4. Gigi and Joanie met to discuss the traveling trunk and determine what if any renewal of materials is necessary
5. CHS grill now in the possession and care of the Hayward Fire Museum, CHS to have access to the grill whenever it is needed
6. CHS received an invitation to participate in the Groton Library History Fair on Sept. 29, M. Tomasi, Goldie Liverant, G. Walters to represent the CHS

Museum:

1. Dan Roland of the Fire Dept. will prepare a presentation
2. will look into having a fire truck available at the presentation for the kids to enjoy (touch a truck)
3. Arnold Ewing has volunteered to take the position of museum greeter coordinator previously held by Joanie

4. Coordinate to have the Museum, SCC, Fire Museum and cemetery open simultaneously at events
5. Shelving for closets a work in progress (S. Kane)
6. Mini programs shelved
7. Intern for museum, research farming in town to use in transforming Zagray Room into a History of Farming in Colchester exhibit, photos of farming and map of Colchester farms needed for exhibit
9. Farming exhibit to open in April
10. Request utilization of student Master Gardeners to beautify museum grounds

School for Colored Children:

1. Middle school teacher and students currently working on a video to complement the school house story
2. Exhibits to be “kid friendly”

Collections:

1. yard sale on the green successful, unwanted items sold or donated, CHS realized \$226.00 from sale
2. Senior Center would like photos of their building for their anniversary
3. Interns working out
4. Old coins found in closet, what to do with them? Discussion tabled
5. Gary is up to date on research

Fund Raising:

1. Donations for new exhibits (SCC, Farming) are not up to projections
2. \$1,800.00 payment received from CT Humanities

New Business:

1. Tree removal, Colchester Federated church gave permission to CHS to remove trees on their property that are overlapping the Colchester Burying Grounds, Trees also removed from Day Hall, and Old Bacon Academy
2. Bushes on church property overgrowing the fence, need to be pruned or removed
3. Richard Tomlinson has written a book on Gershorn Bulkeley, CHS to purchase a copy

Motion to adjourn at 9:00 PM: Goldie Liverant, second: M. Tomassi, motion carried

Next BOG meeting August 8 at 7:00 PM