

Colchester Historical Society
Board of Governors
December 12, 2018

Present: Gigi Liverant, Linda Stoddard, Bertha Glemboski, Goldie Liverant, Denise Turner, James McNair, Arthur Liverant, Brian Smith, Jean Smith, Gary Walter, Mary Tomasi

Absent: James Ciaglo, Stephen Kane, Don Standish

President Gigi Liverant called the meeting to order at 7:05.

Motion to approve the November 14, 2018 minutes was made by Gary Walter. Seconded by Bertha Glemboski. Motion carried.

Finance Committee

James McNair presented the financial report for November. (attached)

Marketing Initiatives

James McNair presented a “Fund Raising Strategic Plan” to the BOG. (attached) He addressed present challenges and possible solutions to fundraising. Discussion followed.

Motion to hire a speaker for an upcoming public forum on “John Adams and the Navy” at a cost of \$500 was made by James McNair. Seconded by Arthur Liverant. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Town Restoration Committee: A. Liverant reported on the November 19 meeting that was held on taking care of the town green and its usage. Discussed were a need to address traffic and a new path on town green.

Museum Property and Grounds

Bertha Glemboski and Mary Tomasi updated the BOG. Power washing will be done in the springtime. Colors need to be chosen for the building.

The basement is in need of organization and order. Gigi Liverant, Mary Tomasi, Sheila Tortorigi, and Linda Stoddard will address this issue in the following months.

Education and Programs

It was reported that 13 visitors came to the museum during the Holiday Homecoming One hundred 2019 CHS calendars have been printed and are selling. The cost per calendar is \$12. The calendar theme was on farming. Gary Walter and Sheila Tortorigi provided historical farm pictures of Colchester and Arthur Liverant captioned each picture.

Nothing to report on traveling trunks.

Possibility of having an Earl Holmes movie night at the Library and at Northwoods with DVD sales.

Committee will meet to plan events for the upcoming year.

Membership

A solicitation letter will be sent to all former CHS members to encourage them to rejoin.

Collections

Old coins to be auctioned off.

Vintage Restaurant was not interested in displaying Colchester Historical photos. The CHS has acquired an 1856 Colchester Library Association Constitution with By-Laws, and membership. CHS will approach Cragin Library for possible acquisition.

Farm Exhibit

Motion was made by Arthur Liverant authorizing Sheila Tortorigi to develop a farm room at the museum with a completion in April. Seconded by Brian Smith. Motion carried. Colchester Farm Commission will donate a "Right to Farm" plaque.

School for Colored Children

Gigi Liverant provided an update. The CHS received a CT Humanities grant for \$3500. for the project. Money continues to be needed for the completion.

The CHS received a \$1000 check from Bill and Doris Farrell and a \$500 donation from Arthur Liverant for the School for Colored Children exhibit.

New Business

Gary Walter displayed a CT 169 Club book.

A letter of recommendation/appreciation will be forwarded to David _____ for his internship in inventories CHS artifacts.

Discussion was held to discuss the status of: Coggsell House, Palmer House, and the "old Chevrolet dealership".

Meeting schedule for 2019 has not been determined, as yet.

Motion to adjourn at 9:15 was made by Goldie Liverant. Seconded by Gary Walter. Motion carried.