

CUMBERLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEE MEETING

SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2016

MINUTES

ATTENDING: Brian Jensen, Sue Wall, Lynda Jensen, Betsy Huston, Carolyn Small, and Linda Fulda.

President Carolyn Small called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. at the Cumberland Historical Society museum, 4A Blanchard Road, Cumberland, Maine.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The minutes of March 20, 2016 were approved as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Sue Wall announced the check book balance of \$8,530.13 as of March 31, 2016. Betsy Huston is working with the Town of Cumberland regarding the Merrill account and also the Atlantic Regional Federal Credit Union regarding investments. The Board approved a motion to ask the Town of Cumberland to put \$50,000 into an ARCU account (CD) for 2 months. The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented.

REPORTS:

PRESIDENT: President Carolyn Small reported on the following:

Gardens: The shrubs next to the front of the museum have been removed by the Town. Sandy Nickerson is eager to begin her work in caring for the gardens. The grounds need to be raked.

Bicentennial: Carolyn and Thomas Bennett have been selected to the formation of a Bicentennial Committee for the Town's celebration in 2021. That initial meeting will be toward the end of May. The Historical Society will form its own committee in the next month or so to assist the Bicentennial Committee. The Town was incorporated on March 28, 1821.

Bus Tour: The Recreation Department and the Society's "Tour of Historical Cumberland" already has one bus filled and a second tour is scheduled for June 28<sup>th</sup>. There is a \$20 charge per person and although the Historical Society is to receive some portion of that fee, no amount has been set. It was noted that the Recreation Dept. bus has some serious roof leaks. Carolyn will check with the Rec. Dept. regarding issues with the bus.

Fundraising: The Board approved conducting a raffle for 4 tickets (2 adult, 2 children) for a scenic and fun train ride in the Conway, NH area. The package is worth approximately \$100 and the winner of the tickets will be able to select from a variety of times and themes for their ride. Raffle tickets will cost \$5.00 per chance or \$25.00 for 6. The drawing will be June 30<sup>th</sup>. Carolyn will be in charge of tickets and publicity for this fundraiser.

Sweetser Book: Carolyn is reviewing the flash drive.

Davis Family Grant: The new deadline is May 10<sup>th</sup> for submitting the application for repair of the drum.

Second Grade Tours: Second graders will be visiting the Historical Society in May. The Museum volunteers will be making room for their visit.

FINANCE: Sue Wall reported that the Finance Committee is working on a 2016-2017 budget which will be presented first to the Board for review and approval, and then to the general membership at the annual meeting in June. The Finance Committee will meet at 1 p.m. on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Brian Jensen stated that the slate of officers and trustees has been completed.

BYLAWS: Brian Jensen led a discussion regarding a restructuring of our by-laws relating to Trustees. No action was taken.

MEMBERSHIP: The new brochures were placed at Skillins in W. Cumberland, the Town Office, and will be placed at the Library. A letter of welcome to new members has been written and is ready to be sent to each new member. Lynda Jensen who is overseeing this will need the names and addresses of all new members when they join. Treasurer Sue Wall as well as President Small will make sure that those names and addresses will be supplied. Membership will not meet next month.

SCHOLARSHIP: No word on how many applications have been received by the high school guidance department. The deadline around May 1<sup>st</sup>.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted;

Elizabeth Huston, Secretary

#### Announcements:

Next Board Meeting: Sunday, May 22 at 2 p.m.

Finance Committee: Sunday, May 22 at 1 p.m.

Annual Meeting: Thursday, June 16, Town Hall (Meeting time and Program time to be decided)