

CUMBERLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2016

MINUTES

ATTENDING: Sue Wall, Brian Jensen, Diana Copp, Lynda Jensen, Carolyn Small and Linda Fulda

The meeting was called to order at 2 p.m. at the Cumberland Historical Society, 4A Blanchard Road, Cumberland, Maine.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The minutes of January 17, 2016 were approved after a spelling correction of the name Phyllis Sweetser.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Sue Wall presented the Treasurer's report noting the check book balance of \$7926.34. The Profit and Loss Statement from January 2015 to January 2016 shows a net income of \$2968.02. There is concern that interest earned from our CD's will be less than in 2016 by a substantial amount. Fund raising income from yard sales will not be had in 2016 due to decision not to have any further yard sales. The Finance Committee will be looking at our CD's/investments. The Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: Leigh Fulda, Carolyn Small, and Linda Fulda met with Shirley Storey-King on February 11, 2016 to discuss the re-establishment of the Cumberland Historical Society Scholarship which will be issued to a Cumberland senior at Greely High School. Graduation day is June 12, 2016 and Class Day is Thursday, June 9th where scholarships are presented. The Guidance Office handles the graduation ^{scholarship} form for distribution and the deadline for having the application form from the Historical Society to the Guidance office is the end of February/first of March. The deadline for students to submit their application is May 1st. The Scholarship Committee will meet again to discuss wording on the application forms. On behalf of the Committee, Linda Fulda made a motion to approve an additional \$500.00 from the Treasury which would bring the scholarship award to \$1,000.00 (\$500.00 already given by TDBank for the award). The motion was approved and seconded.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

BUS TOURS: President Carolyn Small reported that a bus tour of Cumberland's historic landmarks and houses is set for June 21st. Driver Diana Copp may not be available for that tour and a back-up driver needs to be found...or a change in dates.

DRUM REPAIR: The large town marching band drum which is housed and on display at the museum is in dire need of repair. President Small met with John Brandon, a furniture and musical instrument restorer who came and looked at the drum. Although no estimate was given about the cost of restoration, he did say that the drum was showing signs of mold. Carolyn has looked into the possibility of obtaining a grant (Davis Family Foundation) for this repair and will proceed with gathering cost of repair and other grant information.

PROGRAMS: Ideas for fall programs were discussed. A September open house for the membership with emphasis on our original and long-time members was suggested...the date being the Sunday after Labor Day. October is Fire Prevention month and the Society could do a display at the

community open house that the Fire Department does at Central Station. The Town will broadcast any of our future programs over Ch. 2 providing the subject pertains to the Town of Cumberland.

WORKSHOPS: There will be a grant writing workshop in Augusta on Friday, April 8th ... this workshop is free. Those interested in attending should contact Carolyn. Another workshop on archives will be on May 15th... this workshop may require a fee.

SWEETSER BOOK: A proof is not available yet for review. The board wants to make sure that we do not purchase any books from the town without board approval as there is concern about finances.

PHONE LINE/INTERNET CONNECTION: President Small has contacted FairPoint about re-connecting a phone line for the museum. Estimated monthly cost for the phone line would be approximately \$50.00 a month. She will contact them as to the cost of internet.

NOMINATING: Chairman Brian Jensen reported that he has contacted all the trustees except one and all the current directors regarding remaining on the boards. Current Vice-President Diana Copp will be retiring from the board of directors. All other trustees and directors have agreed to stay on.

MEMBERSHIP: Linda Fulda reported that the committee met and did some further editing on the brochure. The committee also discussed a proposed open house before and after the Memorial Day Parade. Flyers will be posted in various venues throughout the town and on the Town's tv channel and other town media outlets. Discussion was also held about an open house in Sept. for the membership with emphasis on those who are long-time members of the society. A suggestion of the Sunday after Labor Day was made. The committee also talked about sending a dues letter in the fall as well as a written acknowledgement of receipt for tax purposes. The committee will need an update membership list with addresses. The only estimated expense would be stamps for 2 mailings and stationery.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT: In the absence of Jeff Frost, Brian Jensen reported that Jeff has re-established a post to the Maine Memory Network. Two computers have been acquired from the Library and the Society needs 2 screens and one mouse and keyboard (a donation of a mouse and keyboard has been received). Digitizing Cumberland vital records as well as cemetery records are being done. Steve Helphand has suggested recording oral histories. Society Facebook page has been changed to "group". The Town will video our programs that pertain to Town history or events. Thomas Bennet will post to the "YouTube" account.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Fire/Security: There will be no word on this matter until the Town Budget process is completed.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Linda S. Fulda, Trustee

Secretary Pro Tem