

Westerlo Heritage Museum

Board of Trustees Meeting

Thursday, January 11, 2018 7:00 pm

Westerlo Town Hall

Trustees Present: Susan Cunningham, Elaine Nevins, Ron Bryan

Excused: Diane Therrien Smith

1. December minutes were reviewed. Sue Cunningham motioned to approve minutes with revisions. Elaine Nevins seconded. December minutes approved.
2. Treasurer report – deferred. Will look at December and Jan statements at February meeting.
3. Museum Report:
 - a. Museum will be open on Jan 13 during the fireman’s breakfast
 - i. Antique ornaments on a tree
 - ii. Old Christmas cookie cutters
 - iii. History of the Christmas Tree and History of the Christmas ornament
 - iv. Mary – Jane has asked the Highway department plow the driveway.
 - b. Museum will also be open on Sat, Feb 10th 9am – 12noon for the Firemen’s breakfast
 - i. Display will be antique winter sports
 - ii. Bobsled upstairs in the library from 1940’s
 1. Sue offered her and her husband’s help to move it from the library to the museum
 - iii. Bobsled from the 1960’s
 - iv. Skiis and ice skates from the 40’s/50’s
 - v. Pictures of skiis and skates in use.
 - vi. Wooden snowshoes
 - c. Hope to have the museum open during the March firemen’s breakfast, however, Mary – jane will be on vacation so someone would need to be there.
 - i. Possibly doing a display titled “A Woman’s Work is Never Done”
 1. Old washing machines,
 2. Old sewing machines
 3. Old irons
 4. etc
 - d. Security/Changing locks
 - i. Met with Nathan Payne with Security Company on Fri 1/8.
 - ii. Installation set for early Jan.
 - e. Would like to start moving more things from the library to the old town hall.

- i. Mary – Jane will ask Ed Lawson and Kathy if anyone has keys to Ed’s old office and the door going upstairs.
 - ii. Talked about Sue’s husband and Ron building shelving
 - iii. Need to vacuum in Ed’s old office and move some of the left over things to the assessor’s old office.
4. Hiltowns Regional Historic Summit:
 - a. Last meeting was in November at the Rennselearville Library. Not sure when the and where the next meeting is.
5. New Board Members:
 - a. Diane Therrien Smith approved by the Town Board.
 - b. Some names were suggested. Patty Britton and Rob Bentley
 - c. Elaine has contacted Patty but has not heard back from her.
6. Election of officers:
 - a. President - ???
 - b. Vice President – Elaine Nevins
 - c. Secretary/Treasurer – Sue Cunningham
 - i. Sue announced that all bills should come to her.
 - ii. Mary – Jane told her that all the bills went to Patty.
 - iii. Sue also asked to have all old minutes, agendas sent to her, Mary – Jane will send them to her.
7. Committee membership
 - a. Collections Committee
 - i. Elaine Nevins
 - ii. Mary – Jane Araldi
8. Ideas for fundraisers
 - a. Takeout soup during lent
 - b. Takeout subs for Super bowl
 - c. Container takeout night buffet
 - d. Taste of Westerlo Then and Now Cookbook
 - e. Harvest festival – next October – need to set a date and appoint a chair
 - f. Brunch for Mom
 - g. Soup for Election Day
 - h. Tea
 - i. Pictures with Dracula
9. New business
 - a. Elaine and shared name, email and phone number of Bob Uzzillas, the Town of Cairo historian. Ruzzilia@MHCable .com. 518-622-2945.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary – Jane Araldi