

Westerlo Heritage Museum

Board of Trustees Meeting

Thursday, July 12, 2018 7:00 pm

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Trustees Present: Elaine Nevins, Diane Therrien Smith

Absent: Ron Bryan

Visitor: Nicole, the grant writer.

1. June minutes reviewed and approved with revisions
2. Treasurer report – deferred. Mary – Jane had asked for them but didn't receive them.
3. Museum Report:
  - a. Museum was open on July 7 - no visitors. Is it worth having it open on Sat mornings? Mary – Jane reports that she brought 4 boxes of old Historical Society Calendars down from the upstairs. Taking them down to the old Town Hall to organize and then sell them. She also discovered 2 saws that she has put old on display with the tools. She purchased the Dr. Perkins book and has it on the table next to her display with the scrapbooks. She also found 2 eye charts that she hung up near the Dr. Perkins display. She has also moved boxes out of the office and wants to bring them down to the old town hall to sort through and take pictures of and catalog. There are some boxes of books still upstairs in the museum that need to be moved. Plus all the things in the library attic.
  - b. Security/Changing locks – having trouble with the system since the electricity went out, need to call them.
  - c. Eagle Scout project
4. Hilltowns Regional Historic Summit:
  - i. Anti-Rent War theme for 18-19.
  - ii. Suitcase on Anti-rent war
  - iii. Old Songs – unable to do now as we no longer have a stage.
5. New Board Members:
  - a. We need to find some more members – check with Shari Ragone.
  - b. Town Board an ad put in the paper, no responses
6. Garage Sale Days –
  - a. Thank you notes will be going out to Toby, Skip Lovegrove and Nancy Latham.
7. Harvest festival – Sat. Oct 6<sup>th</sup>. – looking for vendors.
  - a. Ronnie will cook again.
  - b. Diane is working on advertising.
  - c. Talked about having a bounce house and ponies, etc. Nervous about the cost.

8. August and Sept. Meetings – Mary – Jane will be in Belgium for the August meeting and the Sept, meeting will conflict with the primary voting. We can meet at the old Town Hall.
9. Intern – Mary – Jane received an email from MANY (Museum Association of New York) discussing interns from SUNY Albany. They want a job description. Nicole has graciously offered to develop one and then Mary – Jane will send it to MANY. If they get enough interest, MANY will go to an event at SUNY Albany requesting interns.
10. 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. Brunch for Mom
  - f. Soup for Election Day
  - g. Tea
  - h. Pictures with Dracula
  - i. Ice cream Social
  - j. Nicole suggested doing wreaths at Christmas time and have a silent auction for the wreaths. We like this idea!
  - k. Wreaths Across America

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary – Jane Araldi