

Kingston Historical Museum

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Kingston Community Library on April 17, 2015, 4:00 PM

Members present: Ruth Albert, Kathy Chase, Stacey Moyer, and Gladys Ray

Friends present: Jef Flanders-McDougall, Lesley Hume, Walt Roy, and Halcyon Springer

Ruth called the meeting to order at 4:15 PM, and Gladys read the Treasurer's Report:

As of March, 2015, the checkbook balance is \$19,042.32; and the CD is \$2,098.344.

Old Business: Ruth gave an update on the by-laws, informing the members that we may have to edit the by-laws to read *The Friends of the Kingston Historical Museum Association*. She will confirm this with the lawyer who is helping her with the 5103C application. Ruth said that we need to resubmit the application form for the N.H. State Charitable Trust, and we need to update the 1023 form for the IRS.

New Business: Ruth reported that the new archivist, Cynthia Swank, is doing excellent work. She has organized material and given direction to storage. For example: Copies of *The Kingstonian* have been organized and stored in archival storage boxes. Lesley suggested that we contact Wes Balla of the NH Historical Society with questions about storage materials for miscellaneous items such as glass ink wells, old pens, etc.

Gladys said she intends to create a removable fabric cover for the clothing wire-rack. The purpose of the cover is to create a smoother surface for clothing display. This item will be available for the special mannequin exhibits on May 16th. The exhibit will include a couple's wedding outfit on loan from Cindy Lewandowski. It will also include family outfits on loan from Jane Christie. Kathy Houghton, who volunteers at the thrift shop, told Ruth that the shop has been given a lovely, old wedding dress and a maid's outfit. The thrift shop will donate the clothing to the museum. Ruth said that she will pick up the clothing for the museum staff to view and process.

The museum will be open on May 16th in connection with the 2nd anniversary of the opening of the Kingston Community Library.

Walt reported that he will scan photographs of Warren Bakie's wedding to go along with the exhibit of the Bakie (Lewandowski) wedding clothing. The photos can be added to the larger Bakie display (The Bakie Store, etc.) as well. Lesley said that she would like to gather photographs of the switchboard/ telephone house that once operated on Main Street (near Bartlett Street). She said she would talk to one of the Martins who may have photos, materials/information. Kathy added that she can give Walt a photograph of George Stevens,

operating the first telephone switchboard in Clark's dining room (135 Main Street). Lesley also said that she would contact Judy Levis for photographs and obituaries of Leonard and Dorothy Sanborn, a couple who made significant contributions to the town in the 1960's and 1970's. She also suggested that Bob Bean and Walt create a house video tour of the Bartlett Homestead while Ruth is still a resident there.

Also on the calendar, is the Sanborn Seminary Reunion on June 22nd. The committee will design a flyer describing the museum to hand out at the reunion.

Finally, Lesley said that she will remind the librarian not to discard anything related to NH history; the librarian should tell the museum committee first what the library no longer needs/uses. The committee can decide to add the books/items to its collection.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM

Next meeting is Friday, May 22, 2015 – Kingston Community Library, 4:00 PM