

Kingston Historical Museum

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Kingston Community Library on July 26, 2022

Members present: Ruth Albert, Kathy Chase, Christine Hume, Walt Roy

Friends present: Lesley Hume, Jane Christie, Chuck Geary, Steve Sousa

Ruth called the meeting to order at 5:40 PM.

Meeting Items:

1. **The Secretary's Report:** Christine motioned to accept the Minutes of June 21st. Ruth seconded the motion.
2. **2022 Museum Budget Update:** Ruth stated that the Museum is not overbudget. However, the Computer and Equipment Supply line is overbudget by \$120.00. The balance was pulled from the Office Supply line. The reason for the miscalculation on the line item is that Block5 underestimated the cost of materials for cable installation. (The Block5 contractor came to run the cables for the computer system on Thursday, July 21st.) The Museum will purchase a backup power supply for approximately \$90.00. The expense will be drawn from the Office Supply line.
3. **Kingston Days:**

The Committee and Friends reviewed the volunteer schedule for the two days, Saturday, August 6th (9:00am – 4:00pm) and Sunday, August 7th (10:00am – 3:00pm). Additional volunteers (beyond the Committee and Friends) include Joanna Chase, Kathy Dennis, Haley Larsen, and Sally Stevens.

The Saturday program (at 1:00pm) this year is The Story of Four Kingston Civil War Soldiers by Ken Liss, President of the Brookline MA Historical Society. Walt will videotape the presentation to meet the ADA requirements and to have on video file. Lesley and Ruth reviewed the Town Hall set-up; Ruth will contact Phil Coombs with the setup requirements: 100 chairs, a screen and projector, a microphone. Lesley confirmed that the Friends will pay Mr. Liss a \$150.00 stipend. Ruth and Lesley also discussed the request for parking cones. There is no public parking on the Barn side of the Museum complex. (The only parking in the Town Hall parking lot is reserved parking for the handicapped and for the Kingston Days vendors.)

New exhibits or displays this year include:

The Bonfire 2019: Rich St. Hilaire built a replica model of the bonfire using extra wood pieces from the original. Walt created the exhibit.

The USS Constitution *updated*: Walt updated last year's exhibit to include a photograph of and information about the first female commander.

(Lesley will film Walt explaining the exhibits for the ADA video.)

Children's Toys: Most of the items in the new exhibit were donated by Cyndi Bakie Lewandowski. Some of the toys are in the original boxes.

4. **Flea Market and Images of Kingston Exhibit:** Ruth reported that the Museum has the commitment of forty (40) vendors to date with estimated proceeds at approximately \$1,000.00. Lesley gave an update on the Images of Kingston Exhibit, an example of a program/event organized in coordination with the Kingston Community Library. To date, the following volunteers/artists have contributed to the exhibit: Marilyn Coon, Danielle Genovese, Sarah Oppenheimer, and Madeline Quellette. The images (photographs and paintings) are on exhibit at the Kingston Community Library during the month of August.
5. **5 Year Strategic Plan – 2023 – 2028:** The committee and the Friends agreed to create a plan that would include these three topics: The Friends membership; fundraising; and the relationship with the Kingston Community Library. Jane will review and suggest a model for a strategic plan.
6. **2022 Meeting Schedule – Kingston Community Library 5:30pm**

Tuesday, August 23

Tuesday, September 27

Tuesday, October 25

Tuesday, November 29

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Chase