

Groton Historical Society
Business meeting
Tuesday, September 3, 2019

Present: Deborah Jurist, President; Brent Smith, Vice President; Erik Volk, Treasurer; Phil Coutu, Secretary; Judy Chandler, Harry Chandler, Lise Shallberg, Mark Shallberg, Phyllis Burke.

Deborah called the meeting to order at 6:00. She introduced the news that Erik and Phil have bought a house in Monroe, and will be moving in October. They elaborated a bit, and everyone expressed thanks for the tremendous amount of work they have done for the GHS.

Donation. The Chandlers have donated a flat iron that had belonged to Judy's grandmother. It has three parts, and is in good shape. All voted to accept this gift from the Chandlers, with thanks.

Treasurer's Report. Erik presented the treasurer's report (attached). Total income to date since Jan. 4 2019 is \$835.00; total expenses, \$1326.42. He noted that except for the expense of the ramp, \$628.99, we've earned about as much as we spent. All voted to accept the report.

Consideration of quote for repairing and painting the Peter Paul House. Deborah distributed Matt Nunn's quote to repair and paint the house (attached). Matt has broken down the expense for each side of the house plus to repair doors and windows How to fund the project was discussed later in the meeting.

Treasurer's and Secretary's jobs to be filled

Lise agreed to check the post office box and the email messages.

Deborah will maintain the membership list.

A discussion followed about who can deposit money, pay bills, record deposits and checks, and do the monthly & quarterly reports. Deborah will ask new residents Dwaine and Susan Smith, who are accountants, if they would be interested. If they are not, Brent will check around..

Deborah will maintain the website and upload the newsletters and notices about programs.

Phyllis will take meeting notes and Deborah will upload them to the website.

Lise will send thank you notes for donations and maintain the email account.

Erik will write instructions for ordering books on Amazon and for the website.

Membership and fundraising efforts Deborah noted the membership letter is usually mailed in early December.

Deborah reported the calendar is more than half ready. The artwork is by Groton artists, with the addition of information about and photos of founding members.

Also, John White's memoirs have been converted into a word document. Many thanks to Allen Goodine for bringing attention to this wonderful account of early 20th century Groton.

Fall Foliage Day, October 5th The calendar and memoir should be ready in time to sell on Fall Foliage Day, along with the books. There will be donuts for refreshments. The Chandlers, Deborah and Phyllis will be at the house, and perhaps others.
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We will have our last business meeting on Oct. 8th, to follow up from Fall Foliage and plan for the membership drive. Erik suggested that we add a note to the membership letter about leaving \$ to GHS, either in memory of someone or in a will.

Brent left the meeting at 7:00.

The special display this year will be from our collection of Victorian ladies' underwear, which was supplemented this year by a donation from Kelly Gaffney and Delores Hamlett, of items from the old funeral home. Phyllis suggested arranging the display in the downstairs front parlor. Deborah, Lise, Phyllis and Phil will meet on Monday Sept. 30th at 10:00 to tidy the upstairs bedrooms and prepare the display.

Return to issue of painting estimate All agreed to accept Matt's estimate and give the job to him. It can be done in pieces, starting next year. Discussion followed about how to raise money for the job. Reach out to donors with personal visits? Mailings? Judy suggested Stuart Gates as a possible donor. Lise will contact Ricker Funeral Home to suggest GHS for donations when someone dies.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30.

Many thanks to Mark Shallberg for his work setting up the ramp, and installing rods in the upstairs west bedroom for hanging clothing. Many thanks to Lise for her work cleaning the upstairs and hanging up the clothing that has been photographed.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Burke

September 10th program, **Native Americans in Groton**. More than 20 people attended this very interesting program, prepared and presented by Phil Coutu. Many folks added stories and additional Groton history. Deborah brought Indian artifacts found on her property. Thanks to Phil's interest and research, I believe many of us want to learn more about the people who lived and traveled through here for so long, in the not-too-distant past. Thank you, Phil!

