

Groton Historical Society
Meeting October 27, 2020 4:00 p.m.
Socially distanced at Mountain Meadow Pottery, So. Ryegate

Present: President Deborah Jurist, Vice-President Brent Smith, Corresponding Secretary Lise Shallberg, Mark Shallberg, Recording Secretary Phyllis Burke, Allen Goodine, Mike Gaiss

Deborah opened the meeting by distributing copies of the treasurer's report as of 10/26/2020, sent by Treasurer Susan Pelkey Smith.

1. Minutes of the meeting of September 8, 2020. Lise moved and Deborah seconded a motion to accept the minutes. All approved.
2. Treasurer's Report. Thank you, Susan, for your detailed report. We are excited to see that the net income for puzzle sales, after expenses, is \$2203.35! Deborah moved and Allen seconded a motion to approve the treasurer's report. All approved.
3. Puzzle sales. We brainstormed about how and where to sell the new fall puzzles, and whether the spring puzzles would sell if we ordered more. Allen noted that the quality of the fall puzzles doesn't match that of the spring ones. Lise will check on that with the puzzle maker.

In the end, we decided to use November 14th, first day of hunting season and of a blood drive at the community building, for a "trunk sale." Brent will check with the fire department about using space at the fire station (permission granted). Ideas for sale:

Allen: have a donation box and give folks an information sheet about the GHS; puzzle price, \$20.00 cash & carry, \$26.00 with postage.

Lise: use our sandwich board to advertise sale at Bill's (Upper Valley Grill). She will ask Brenda to check with the Red Cross and Town Office for approval of our presence for a sale.

Other marketing ideas: Deborah: include puzzle sale ad and membership drive with fall newsletter, which will be ready close to Thanksgiving.

Allen: Use list of Groton High School reunion invitees? Lise will check with Lois Boemig. Deborah: BMU grads?

Mike: What about Buckeroo members? He will ask Gary Lamberton to send an e-mail and to post on their Facebook page.

Allen: posters. Library, Town Clerk's office, Upper Valley Grill, Groton Tire & Auto, Sarky's, P & H, Groton and South Ryegate post offices, Artesano.

Deborah: Sell to our acquaintances and neighbors? We each take whatever we think we can sell plus order forms, and return unsold ones by Nov. 14th.

We discussed ordering more spring puzzles. Deborah moved and Phyllis seconded a motion to order 24 more spring puzzles. All approved.

We briefly discussed ideas for the next puzzle. Perhaps an aerial photo?

4. Genealogy. Willard reported he has just finished a genealogy for a Page family. He said our website has genealogies for people who were on the 1790 Groton census. He suggested we add the names from the 1800 census. Deborah said our website has been difficult to work with lately. *Mr. Glover's Groton* includes a list of Groton family names, and the censuses in which they first appeared. We all agreed it would be good to check with Willard about how the genealogy database is currently stored and accessed. Mike suggested linking it to the Cloud.
Could we charge a fee for genealogy research, or ask for a donation?
Can we check with Willard to see what genealogy program he's using? We will wait to hear from Willard.
5. Camping at the Pond. Deborah has been working on the manuscript of Marion Lindsey Proudfoot's book so that GHS can republish it. It would be great to have it ready in time for our Groton Lake focus next summer. Should we print it here, or have Amazon print? Allen and Phyllis will proofread it over the winter.

Allen shared lake history information he and his mother and Uncle Charlie Lord collected over the years. It could be footnoted, added as an addendum to the book, included as installments in the newsletter, or printed separately to sell. He also thinks it would be valuable for folks who grew up on the pond in the mid-20th century to write their memoirs. Lise reminded us about her Lake Groton map as something to sell.

Deborah suggested we meet sometime in February to start gathering information and ideas for our pond focus next summer.

At 5:40 p.m. Deborah made a motion, seconded by Allen, to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Burke
Recording Secretary