

Wilmington Historical Society

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday, January 6, 2021

Online Meeting via Zoom

Attendees

Karen Peters

Susan Albert

Gil Dyke

Linda Joss-Dyke

Nancy Cressey

Merri Peck

Karen Peters called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. There was no open discussion since we held the meeting online due to COVID 19 restrictions. Gil Dyke made a motion to accept the November minutes as read. Susan Albert seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Susan then discussed the treasurer's report. Our bank balances as of December 31st are as follows:

Operating Account	\$10,569.43
Building Transfer Fund Account	128.00
Zachay Memorial Account	2,000.00
Keegan Memorial Building Construction Fund	104,601.92
Petty Cash Fund	100.00
Adirondack Foundation Account	\$51,248.76

Susan reported that our operating account deposits included a \$1,500 grant from the ADK Foundation and the Lake Placid Education Fund to subsidize our website redesign. Our expenses for the period included a \$990 deposit paid to Smart Site Designs for our website redesign, \$440 for Annual Appeal envelopes, \$285 for postage and various other smaller expenses. The Keegan building fund account increased by \$13,901. We received \$7,560 from Linda Johnson for the lot boundary adjustment plus over \$7,000 in donations in response to the Annual Appeal. There were payments of over \$4,000 for land and building related disbursements but as of December 31 only \$1,000 of the payments cleared the bank. The true account increase after the payments clear is \$10,551. Linda Joss-Dyke moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and Merri Peck seconded her motion. It carried unanimously.

We then discussed the budget. Susan provided us with figures for budgeted versus actual income and expenses for 2020. Since it has been such an unusual year most items were far from what had been expected and the continuing uncertainty make budget preparation for 2021 more difficult. It was noted that we are not receiving much interest on our building fund money market account. As we move forward we may want at some point to move our account to obtain higher interest. In 2020 we had 33 fewer paid members than the previous year but many of the members who did renew joined at higher levels, somewhat offsetting the decrease in cash received from memberships. Linda is looking into doing a virtual Whiskey Run this year. She still needs to talk to Steve Peters to determine an estimate for the budget. By March we will determine whether we can do an actual physical run. Linda will provide a budget estimate by February and she will also check to find out whether the Wilmington movie nights will continue in 2021. We will have to revisit the entire budget once we determine what we will be able to do in 2021.

Our sales tax report is due to the state in March and the IRS Form 990 will be due after that.

Karen reported on communications. She sent a thank you letter to Paula Lyon for helping to stuff envelopes for our Annual Appeal. She sent out two sympathy cards, one to Janet Bliss for the passing of her mother and one to Eddie Griffin for the loss of Donna. A thank you was sent to Kevin McDonald for a copy of a February 1983 Wilmington newspaper edited by Roy Holzer. We received a complimentary

email from Jan Ward about all everything that the WHS is doing. Karen sent a thank you note to Rarilee Conway for donating a Whiteface Mountain Veterans Memorial Highway medallion and some historic postcards. She also sent a thank you note to Susan Hockert for donating furnishings for our new space in the town hall and another to Rick Young for a donation and his generous offer to provide paint, flooring materials and various materials to us at special pricing when we are actually in the construction phase of our building.

Research days are still on hold due to COVID, but Merri suggested the possibility of conducting sessions for research on Zoom. We also discussed various possibilities for programs including virtual presentations and outdoor presentations at the Festival Field. Open discussions are still on hold. We have topics ready as soon as discussions can be resumed.

Karen reported that she is still working on the Facebook donate button. Facebook owes us \$1,100. The Festival of Colors is scheduled for September 11th and as of now all events are being planned as usual. It will be the 20th anniversary of 9/11. The Whiskey Run, if held, will be June 19th. Karen reviewed all future meeting dates for 2021 and asked Merri to chair the August 4th meeting. The town is still working on the 200th anniversary celebration. We set Wednesday January 27th as the date for doing the new membership brochure. From now forward Nancy will send updates to the membership list to all board members rather than just Karen and Susan. On Friday Karen is meeting with Tony Beck about the historical marker for legends and lore. They are planning to possibly do a marker about Asa Lawrence riding down the log chute on a shovel or a sign for Esther Combs for climbing Mt. Esther, or something about the Underground Railroad on Springfield Road. Karen is also meeting with Merri on Friday about the new website. The plaque for Patrick is completed and in the Community Center awaiting presentation. Discussion and updating of long term plans is tabled until February.

Susan made a motion to adjourn and Gil seconded it. All voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Cressey
Secretary