

**LITTLE FALLS HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2 2016**

Attending: Jeff Gressler, Heather Dawes, Scott Kinville, Rocco Scarano, Robin Prinzhorn  
Absent: Louis Baum, Esther Brown

President Jeffery Gressler brought the meeting to order at 9:35 AM.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The minutes from the October and November board meetings were approved as written with a motion made by Scott and seconded by Robin.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer's report is approved as written with a motion made by Rocco and seconded by Scott.

Copies of both reports are on file.

**SIGNAGE**

Discussion of park signs is tabled until Louis Baum can attend the board meeting.

**NOVEMBER MEETING & ELECTIONS**

Scott said that due to the scheduled elections, there will not be a speaker at the November 22<sup>nd</sup> monthly meeting. There will be a "Show & Tell". Showing either "A Little Falls Romance" or "Wilber Crisp" movie was discussed with the shorter "Wilber Crisp" film about the 1929 National Championship selected. Scott and Louis will present the nominations for board seats; Heather, Robin and Mike Smith with additional nominations accepted from the floor.

**CHRISTMAS IN LITTLE FALLS & WORK SESSIONS**

Christmas in Little Falls is scheduled for Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. The museum will be open from 9:00AM until 4:00PM, Jeff would like 2 volunteers for each slot of time. A sign-up sheet will be circulated at the November 22<sup>nd</sup> membership meeting.

**4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE VISITATION**

The Benton Hall 4<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms will make their annual visit to the museum on Thursday December 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be 2 sessions, AM and PM. Exact times will be confirmed later with an email from Jeff. The Holiday decorations will be brought to the museum next Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> with work sessions scheduled for Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday November 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:30AM.

## **LUNCHEON**

Heather and Rocco have been working on the Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> 12:00 noon luncheon buffet at the Overlook Mansion. The rental cost is \$135.00 per room. Heather suggested a membership for the Overlook in lieu of the cost of additional rooms for the luncheon. She checked with local caterers, most cannot work off-site. Heather spoke with Ruth Petkovsek who will serve: Roasted Sweet Potatoes, German Potato Salad, Garlic Green Beans or Apricot Glazed Carrots and Roast Pork with Raspberry Sauce, Meatloaf, Cranberry Cole Slaw, Fruit Cobbler, or Ice Cream & Brownie & Coffee/Tea. The cost is \$13.00. It was agreed to ask for \$15.00 to help cover tip and cost of rental. Robin offered to provide the punch. A press release, email and announcement at the November 22<sup>nd</sup> monthly meeting will invite members and guests with an RSVP by Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup> to: info@lfhistoricalsociety.com or a call to Jeff or Heather. Heather will finalize the menu and other details with Ruth.

## **BUILDING WORK**

Stan Bush completed the roof coating and has been paid, the exterior doors were coated with spar varnish earlier in the year, and Jeff Korce may be working on the chimney today. Heather will bring floor mats for Christmas in Little Falls. Rocco suggested creating a checklist of routine maintenance. After talking about the dehumidifiers, Heather and Scott will look into any needed replacement.

## **2017 EXHIBITS**

Water and Music is the working theme. Jeff suggested sharing the space in the main exhibit room equally between Water & Music as a starting point which can change as plans progress. Jeff, Rocco, Robin, Scott and Heather are already in contact with and developing ideas for the exhibit including: symphony orchestras, band concerts, military & ethnic bands, music stores & teachers, performers & writers, opera attire, 50's thru 60's local bands, radio station.

## **OTHER**

Community Education: Jeff and Louis spoke at the monthly meeting of the "Depression Boys" held at the Folts Home on Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. The topic was the history of the canal system, the Taylor Driving Park and Titus Sheard with about 24 attending. In addition, 3 books were sold.

Insurance follow-up: Jeff contacted Day Scarafile & Read Inc. to inquire about off-site insurance coverage. The museum is not covered for off-site storage, a rider could be attached to the current policy. The building coverage is: \$121,500.00, the contents are covered for \$13,500.00. A discussion followed about getting separate professional appraisals of the building and contents, increasing insurance coverage, what could be done in the event of loss of contents/damage to the building. Jeff suggested starting the process of addressing these issues by meeting with insurance representatives and asking Sue Perkins at Herkimer County Historical Society about their coverage.

Donation of a book about Hanson's Island containing some additional original photographs from: Jonathon Schaffer, 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Alderman.

Myjava update: Pat Frezza-Gressler is working to establish a "pen-pal" program between students at Little Falls schools and a bilingual school in Myjava.

Mohawk Valley Hockey Club: Scott talked about his project to provide equipment, instruction and practice of floor hockey for boys and girls ages 6 thru 13. Information is at: [info.mvhc@yahoo.com](mailto:info.mvhc@yahoo.com) and [www.mohawkvalleyhockeyclub.com](http://www.mohawkvalleyhockeyclub.com).

Flags: Robin ordered a new outside "open" flag, it should arrive next week. Heather said Dave Burleson replaced the American Flag.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Robin made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Heather seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM. The next meeting will be Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at 9:30 AM at the museum.

Submitted by:  
Anita Dulak, secretary