



Old Lyme Historical Society, Inc.

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Minutes

Board of Trustees, Monday, June 14, 2010

Present: Sousan Arafeh, Barbara Bair, Roger Breunig, Dick Bugbee, Bob Dunn, Dolores Green, Susan Griggs, Julia Griswold, Tim Griswold, Martha Hansen, Jennifer Hillhouse, Ellis Jewett, Mark Lander, Patsy McCook, Alison Mitchell, Jim Noyes, Michaelle Pearson, Dyanne Rafal, Tom Schellens, Carol Winters, Karen Winters

Excused: Bill Stewart, John Flower

Absent: Judy Tooker

Guest: Joanne Hedwall, Lyme-Old Lyme High School's Business Department Chairperson and School-to-Career Liaison/WISE Coordinator

1. Call to order: Alison Mitchell, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M.

2. Approval of May 10, 2010 Minutes

The minutes were discussed. Julia Griswold noted that she had attended the May 10 meeting.

MOTION: A motion was made by Jim Noyes, seconded by Mark Lander, to approve the May 10, 2010 minutes as corrected. Motion passed.

MOTION: Alison Mitchell made a motion, seconded by Sousan Arafeh, to add Joanne Hedwall to the agenda under item 3. All present voted in favor.

3. Joanne Hedwall, Lyme-Old Lyme High School School-to-Career Liaison/WISE Coordinator

Sousan Arafeh introduced Joanne Hedwall, who spoke about different programs at the High School that strive to connect students to the community and offer opportunities for real-world experience.

- Leslie Traver, a Business teacher, teaches a web design class each year and is looking for projects that will benefit non-profit organizations. Her class created a website for the Old Lyme Fire Department.
- The members of the High School's community service club and the National Honor Society are looking for volunteer work to do in the community.
- The WISE project helps seniors create their own courses.

The Historical Society may be able to involve High School students in the Oral History Project, the Society's new website, digitizing the Society's archives, etc.

Mrs. Hedwall suggested that the Society create some project proposals and send them to her via email at jhedwall@region18.org.

**4. Treasurer's Report - Carol Winters
May 1, 2010 through May 31, 2010**

Opening Balance:	\$ 8,486.75
Income	
Book Sales	
38 Hurricane	20.00
Ancient Town	105.00 (\$75 from Turning Page)
Land Savers	30.00
Gift Match	40.00
Gift – Essex Savings	392.00
Memberships	67.00 (1 new, 2 renew)
Events	<u>120.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 774.00

Expenses	
Dues & Subscriptions	75.00
Memorial Day	300.00
Office Expense	13.98
Rent	100.00
Scholarship	500.00
Soundview Beach Book	840.00
Telephone	<u>63.14</u>
Total Expenses	\$1,892.12

Ending Balance \$ 7,368.63

Dangremond Fund Balance \$ 169.52

MOTION: A motion was made by Jim Noyes, seconded by Bob Dunn, to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried unanimously.

5. OLHSI Scholarship Award: Carol Winters

Michael McLean was awarded the Scholarship. He graduated from Old Lyme High School with a GPA of 98.99 and will be attending Trinity College in the fall. Michael will be asked to speak at the Annual Meeting on June 21.

6. Wrap-up Memorial Day Parade

The horses and wagon from Foxglove Farm, decorated with the OLHSI banner and a banner advertising the Beaches book, were a great success. It was a beautiful day and the parade was well-attended.

7. Authorization to rent 1910 Surrey, Congregational Church Rededication, September 19, 2010: ACM

A circa 1910 Surrey will be rented for \$100 from Foxglove Farm. Jim Noyes agreed to build a 1910-style booth for the event; he will contact Betsy Webster regarding the size of the booth.

8. Web Site: Progress Report: Martha Hansen

The web site is nearly ready to be launched. More pictures will be added and the list of trustees will be updated. Web site address is <http://www.oldlymehistorical.org/draft/index.htm>, members are encouraged to look at it, suggestions (and more pictures) are welcome.

9. Walking Tour Progress Report: ACM

Alison Mitchell is waiting to hear back from John Forbis to find out if he is willing to read the Walking Tour document and check it for accuracy. There was a discussion about the best way to ensure the historical accuracy of the tour. The trustees agreed that it should be sent (via email when possible) to everyone on the board so that they can read it.

10. OLHSI Annual Meeting Monday, June 21, 2010: Helen Scott

The invitations have been mailed. The 6th Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, June 21, 2010, at 4 p.m. in the Community Room at the Library. Officers will be elected and there will be a vote on a change in the Bylaws. Janet Littlefield and Norman Stitham will be elected to the board. Michael McLean, winner of the History Scholarship, will be introduced and refreshments will be served.

11. Exhibit, Old Lyme Beaches Book Project: Tom Schellens, Michaëlle Pearson

Essex Financial Services is giving a \$2500 grant to fund the exhibit. The new owner of the Old Lyme Ice Cream Shoppe will be creating a new flavor in honor of the book (Rum Runner's Delight?). They will have their ice cream cart at the exhibit and will hang the book event banner "Rum Runners, Governors, Beachcombers & Socialists" on the shop. Tom Schellens, Michaëlle Pearson, and Bob Dunn will work on the exhibit which will open on Friday, August 20, at the Shoreline Community Center on Hartford Avenue. The exhibit will move to the White Sands Community Center later in the summer.

12. Marty Ames Family Papers: Dick Bugbee, Jim Noyes

There was a discussion about the value of the papers (some are from the 1840's) and how to appraise them. The papers are being stored at Alison Mitchell's house, although Marty Ames still needs to sign the release papers. The discussion will continue at the next meeting.

13. Progress Report: 2009-2010 Oral History Project: Sousan Arafah

The next Oral History Day will be on July 14 at 3pm at the Senior Center and will focus on residents' memories of WWII, at home and on the front lines. There will be individual and group interviews. Julia Griswold and Alison Mitchell will recruit interviewees. Some High School students are interested in helping to conduct interviews.

Old Lyme High School's Class of 1960 is having a 50th reunion in September; Mark Lander is involved in planning the reunion.

14. History of Old Lyme Schools Project: Barbara Bair, Dolores Green

Original photos and postcards are needed for the project, which covers the history of Old Lyme Schools from 1855 to 1935.

15. Newsletter – Patsy McCook, Susan Griggs

The next newsletter will be published in August after the August 20th release of the Beaches book. Each issue will profile a board member or a long time resident of Old Lyme. Photos and ideas for articles are welcome.

16. Update Potential Properties, Masonic Lodge Property, 20 Lyme Street and others: Tom Schellens, Tim Griswold

No update

17. Grange Scenic Backdrop Project: Jen Hillhouse, Jim Noyes

Carolyn Wakeman has agreed to write the text of the book which will be about Old Lyme in the 1920s. The book will be 6" x 9" and will contain an insert of the Grange Backdrop. The cost for Jim Meehan to design the book will be \$2,815. Beauvais Printing will print 500 copies for \$5,890 (\$11.78 each) or 300 copies for \$4,380 (\$14.60 each).

MOTION: A motion was made by Tom Schellens, seconded by Jim Noyes, to approve the payment of \$2,815 to Jim Meehan for design and development of the book, and to accept Beauvais Printing's bid for 500 copies at \$5,890, with a sale price of \$20 per book. All present voted in favor.

An inventory will be taken of the society's books (Poverty Island, Ancient Town, '38 Hurricane, Land Savers), notecards and postcards. Carol Winters will provide the financial records to Alison Mitchell. The income from the Land Savers book will be put back into the Dangremond Fund after the expenses for the book have been met. The Land Savers book is the first book to benefit from the Dangremond Fund.

There was a discussion about how best to schedule the publishing of books, perhaps publishing one each summer, and one each fall in time for Christmas.

18. Staffing Genealogy Room: Julia Griswold

Julia Griswold has put the Society's phone number on the "Do Not Call" list in order to cut down on unnecessary telephone calls.

Thanks go to everyone who volunteers in the Genealogy Room. Contact Julia Griswold (434-5727) if you would like to volunteer. Office hours are Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

19. Other Business

A. Jeff Anderson, of the Florence Griswold Museum, contacted Alison Mitchell to see if the Society would like to co-sponsor a talk by Carolyn Fraser Zinsser. The subject will be "Dr. Vine Utley, The Remarkable Country Doctor of Lyme, CT (1768-1836)". The society was involved in Ms. Zinsser's book on the letters of Charles and Mary Chadwick of Lyme. The trustees agreed to co-sponsor the event as long as the Society would not have to spend any money.

B. Sousan Arafteh suggested that the Society consider organizing a town-wide potluck dinner or other event in the summer in order to connect with the community.

MOTION: Sousan Arafteh made a motion, seconded by Alison Mitchell, to have the Old Lyme Historical Society host a town-wide event next summer (date and type of event to be determined). All present voted in favor.

20. The next OLHSI Board Meeting will be Monday, July 12, 2010 at 4 PM in the Community Room, PGN Library.

21. Adjournment

Ellis Jewett moved, seconded by Tom Schellens, to adjourn the meeting at 5:53 p.m. All present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha C. Hansen
Secretary