

**GEORGIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OCTOBER 3, 2018**

LOCATION: Municipal Building

PRESENT: Kim Asch, Ed Brehaut, Colin Conger, Greg Drew, Jean Gilmond, Olive Gilmond,
Krissy Jenkins, David Juaire, Cindy Ploof, Sara Vester, Don Vickers

ABSENT: Angela Dallier, Joshua Vos

Don Vickers called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: A motion to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2018 meeting was made by Olive, seconded by David, and so voted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Krissy reported that she had just received a \$100.00 check for a GHS book purchase and donation and a \$20.00 donation for deposit. Ben Weed will be paid when the Brick School Museum windows are done.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

WEBSITE: Cindy reported that Phil had some of the GHS newsletters done by Dee and was planning to add some of the stories to the website.

MEMBERSHIP: It was noted that Karen Brigham was willing to help with membership and prepare a tri-fold flyer for the Historical Society. Kim will work with Karen and tie to membership. Cindy shared that she had given Karen some older GHS flyers to review for ideas.

COLLECTIONS: Cindy showed a photo of a barn foundation that Dee found in a copy of the "Barns of Georgia" book donated by Peter Mallett. Dee wonders if anyone recognizes it. Cindy read an e-mail Collections report received from Dee. Dee reported that the new computer had been installed and connections made to the Internet. All programs are loaded, including existing scanner/copier, ink-jet printer, and monitor. LED Dynamics donated the used computer. The 3-hour labor cost, with non-profit discount, was \$135.00. Scott McGrath made some recommendations, but everything is OK for now. Dee has finished keying in a 20-piece collection of books, posters, and newspaper articles from Peter Mallett. Dee has added some articles and documents to the files in the vertical file cabinet at the library. Dee reported that she had spoken with Greg Drew regarding a possible grant and Phil Ploof regarding photographing the collections. Dee will be reviewing newspaper articles that should be placed in preservation envelopes and stored in the flat files in the library. Dee reported that Cindy had noted that Karen Brigham was willing to help with organizing and filing and that Karen was working on a GHS brochure. Dee will continue to work on assessments until December, but not again until after March because there is no heat in the municipal building basement. Colin wonders if any high school seniors could help with collections as part of their community service. Sara wonders if we could consider Karen Brigham as a GHS director even if she is not able to attend the monthly meetings. There was discussion regarding changing the monthly meetings to the second Wednesday of the month so that Karen could attend and GHS directors could attend Milton Historical Society programs and vice-versa. The GHS programs are usually scheduled for the third Wednesday of the month. A different planning and advertising schedule might have to be made. Cindy will check with Karen to see if she would be OK with this.

SEPTEMBER 19 PROGRAM: Sara reported that Bridget Butler's bird migration program was great!

OCTOBER 6 GORDON'S MILL TOUR: (10:00 a.m.) Refreshments were volunteered as follows: Olive-cider, David-Dunkin coffee and donut holes, Krissy-cider donuts. Colin will give a presentation during the first part of the morning. David noted that he has cut brush at the site. Colin has talked to Ric Nye regarding filling in some of the property for parking. Colin invited members to meet October 5 at 11:00 a.m. to help stack brush and help with limbs that need to come down. Greg noted that some of the old mill rails had been found and

more clearing needed to be made. David spoke of trees overhanging the mill that should be removed. Trace Jenkins was recommended to look at this.

CEMETERIES: Ed reported that the mowing season is winding down. Evarts Cemetery fence damage has been repaired. Ed wonders what to do about stones that have toppled over. He will be checking into this further.

BRICK SCHOOL MUSEUM: Don reported on the window repairs. He reported that he was opening the museum for the first meeting of a Cub Scout Pack on Monday, October 22nd at 5:30 p.m. Volunteers are needed to pack up items and close the museum for the season. It was agreed to meet Tuesday, October 23rd at 4:30 p.m. It was decided that this might be a good time to invite Dee to join us. Jean and Olive will ask Dee if they can bring her. Cindy asked that the year be added to the dates of program flyers for historical purposes.

GORDON'S MILL: Colin reported that the Gordon's Mill clean up went very well. Don noted that a large shop vac is needed. This will be discussed further at the May 2019 meeting.

MUNICIPAL GARDENS: Sara reported that she hopes to finish the fall clean up this weekend.

GENEALOGY: Don wonders about revenue or a suggested donation for helping people with genealogy. This will be discussed further at the May 2019 meeting. It was noted that Georgia has been blessed with a wonderful paper collection. Sara noted that Karen Grenier had recently researched the history of Center Market. Colin thinks we're missing articles/photos. There is concern that maybe some items should be under lock and key or there should be partitions from the open library. Don noted that the Town had made an offer to purchase Center Market because of the need for more Town Garage space. The offer was refused because the sellers wanted to keep Center Market as a store.

NEWS & VIEWS: Olive is up-to-date on her clippings and will file her binders at the library in January.

FUTURE PROGRAM IDEAS: (1) History of Georgia, (2) Ancient Roads (Tony Heinlein & Patrick Burke), (3) Humanities Council program, (4) Garden tour, (5) Rod and Betty Vallee featuring their book, (6) Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department program regarding the changing climate and how it is affecting wildlife, (7) Georgia Shore stone house tour, (8) Local artists/open studio tours, (9) Program of interest to kids.

OTHER:

- Greg noted that the Farmhouse sign was painted over before it could be obtained for the GHS.
- Don noted that he had spoken to Cheryl, Town Clerk, regarding featuring old framed photos/art on the community meeting room wall and that Cheryl had agreed. Cindy will talk to Cheryl.
- Greg reported that he did not apply for the Cultural Heritage Grants. He reported that he had met with Dee regarding the process for accessing donated items. Some donated items take an enormous amount of time to access and Dee is swamped with items. There is a breakdown with donations when donation sheets are not filled out and Dee has to research where they came from. Digitizing of a collection was explained. There was much discussion regarding a grant and what we would do with it. Don feels that it is important to digitize the library paper materials, photos, etc. Don wonders about writing a grant for that. Sara is concerned about matching grants. Kim wonders about storage – what you do with it. Videos are an issue, as we have to be able to search them. Kim suggested possibly making digital photo books of the photos. Colin commented about using high school seniors for their community service. There was discussion regarding the Past Perfect program being labor intensive. Don suggests starting with the library. Greg noted that the municipal basement metal cabinets are full. Don questioned if donations were sometimes just dropped off at the Municipal Building and forms not completed. This will be discussed further at the May meeting.
- A motion to nominate the same officers for 2019 was made by Colin, seconded by Kim, and so voted.
- Don nominated Colin, Kim, and Cindy to serve on the Volunteer-of-the-Year committee. Kim noted that she doesn't like the surprise aspect of the award presentation. She feels that the awardee should be notified ahead of the presentation.

- Colin noted that he would be presenting 4 classes on the history of the St. Albans Raid on October 8th.
- The presentation of the Captain Conger sword is scheduled for October 19th, 5:30-7:30 p.m., at the St. Albans Historical Museum. Cindy to forward this information to Phil for website posting.
- Colin noted that he would be attending the Blue Jean Ball.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Ploof