

**GEORGIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
JULY 10, 2019**

**LOCATION:** Municipal Building

**PRESENT:** Kim Asch, Ed Brehaut, Karen Brigham, Greg Drew, Jean Gilmond, Krissy Jenkins, David Juare, Cindy Ploof, Sara Vester, Don Vickers, Joshua Voss

**ABSENT:** Colin Conger, Angela Dallier, Olive Gilmond

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

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** A motion to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2019 meeting was made by Kim, seconded by Sara, and so voted.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Krissy reported that there were no changes since the previous meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Don reported that he had received an e-mail invitation from the St. Albans Historical Society for their annual meeting, dinner, and program on July 18<sup>th</sup>. Kim read the e-mail that Don had forwarded to the directors.

**WEBSITE:** Cindy will have Phil post the July 31<sup>st</sup> program when the flyer is ready. Sara asked if the June 19<sup>th</sup> program video had been made available. Cindy reported that Phil sends the videos to LCATV, but had not sent the June 19<sup>th</sup> program yet.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Karen passed copies of an updated new membership form. She reported that 25 names were on the general membership list and 65 names on the life membership list. There was discussion regarding the \$20.00 annual membership fee voted on at the last meeting. Various options were discussed such as skipping a donation, but donating helpful support such as cleaning, organizing, monitoring, etc. There was also discussion regarding GHS income from the town budget and expenses. Karen and Kim will continue to work on the form and bring back to the next meeting.

Jean reported that she currently has three ideas for possible t-shirt designs:

- (1) Georgia Mountain windmills, (2) Exit 18 (802), & (3) Brick School Museum or a combination of all three.

**COLLECTIONS:** No report.

**JUNE 19 PROGRAM:** Sara reported that the "STORY SWAP" program was good, but the attendance was low. Sara felt that the lack of a flyer made the difference. Kim reported that the advertising for the programs is via an e-mail list and physical mailing. Kim reported that she needs help with this. Krissy volunteered to do the mailings after Kim creates the flyers. Karen commented on Drop Box and Kim commented on Google Drive.

**JULY 31 PROGRAM:** Krissy reported that Bridget Stone-Allard had contacted her regarding a possible problem with the use of the library. Don will call Bridget regarding this issue. Sara reported that Dr. Chiappinelli had agreed to present a program on maple sugaring. He will speak and show a great Vermont Department of Tourism video. It was suggested that a "maple" theme be used for refreshments.

**2019 PROGRAMS:** Sara reported on the following:

- August 21 - Howard Coffrin "Vermont Women in the Civil War. Mr. Coffrin asks for \$100.00. The booking fee is \$75.00 plus mileage of \$70.00.
- September 18 - Joan Nye "47 Years Teaching"
- October (date to be determined) - Karen Grenier "Center Market History & Tour"

**CEMETERIES:** Ed reported that he will sit down with Matt Crawford, selectboard chair, and discuss cemetery and town property issues. Ed reported that Jeremy Audette has had some mower problems and three cemeteries have not been done recently.

**BRICK SCHOOL MUSEUM:** Monitor list passed. David reported that he had a visitor on opening day. It was noted that there is a strip hanging down from one of the repaired windows and a bracket is needed on the sign for the OPEN flag. Greg will check into the needed bracket. David reported on the survey flags placed for the Rooney property which is being developed. Joshua reported that he had spoken with the Rooneys regarding their red maples that are going to be removed. They are willing to relocate the smallest red maple to the museum to replace the current tree that is dying. It was noted that the museum soil is shallow so the planting location might have to be adjusted. Don will trim the museum shrubs when he serves as monitor.

**MUNICIPAL GARDENS:** It was noted that the municipal gardens look very nice. Karen reported that she had received a message from Jessica Waugh that the Garden Club was not meeting until the end of August. Sara reported that she has also been weeding the memorial gardens. She feels that they should be kept in order to honor our veterans. Don will speak with Matt Crawford regarding assistance needed for the memorial gardens.

**GORDON'S MILL:** David reported that he had spoken with Mike McCarthy regarding Gordon's Mill and Mike had told him to talk to Todd Cadieux, but he hasn't yet. David would like to pull the brush and have it burned by the Fire Department. David would like to see the area cleaned up and seeded. He feels that in 1-2 years it will be very nice there.

**GENEALOGY:** Cindy read an e-mail report from Ginger Phelps. Ginger has recently answered requests regarding the Thomas Warner family and the David White family. Cindy will contact Kelly Stinefast regarding the White family genealogy book.

**NEWS & VIEWS:** No report.

**OTHER:**

- David reported that Peter Mallett was not familiar with the "Conference House".
- David reported that Suzanna Brown wants a photo of Fran Moses. It was reported that there is a photo plaque of Fran in the brick school museum. Fran donated money to the GHS. Don will share Fran's Birch poem.
- David reported that Fred Grimm was getting a photo of Edmund Wilcox as a farmer for the proposed memorial frame.
- Cindy reported that the proposed library collections room is 13' x 20'. The directors are urged to look at the room on July 31<sup>st</sup> and measure the GHS file cabinets and bookcases for placement there.
- Sara reported that there is a barber sink in back of the west wall at the museum.
- Cindy reported that she had spoken with Cheryl Letourneau regarding displaying GHS framed items. Cheryl is willing to allow the GHS to permanently display the Frederic Stanley Saturday Evening Post cover collection on two walls in the conference room.
- The directors looked at the municipal building carillon that the town does not want. The concern is whether the carillon should be recycled, stored, or sold. Greg will check into the value of it and get back to Don.
- It was noted that the basement dehumidifier filter was replaced. No cleaning was done, but collection materials and storage were reviewed.
- Dates/Events to remember were reviewed. The first "Gathering on the Green" will be held on July 11<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Cindy Ploof*