

Pember Library and Museum

May 2014 Minutes

Present were Mary Silitch, Mary Cary, Mary King, Robert Tatko, Rob McGuire, Jerry McKinney, Ardyce Bressett, Bernadette Hoffman.

Meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM.

A motion was made to accept the minutes was made by Charlie and seconded by Rob. All in favor.

Correspondence:

Bob reported that he had sent correspondence to the Copper Beech Foundation in response to their request for an accounting of the Capital Campaign. We have not heard back from them yet.

Treasurer's Report:

Bob spoke about efforts to manage the remainder of the Capital Campaign balance. After some research it was determined that the monies were not in an interest bearing account and that this will be rectified.

As previously reported, we are on an austerity budget until further notice. It is going well. Rob, Bob, Gigi, Jay Niles and several others are working on several grants which are desperately needed. Bob is planning to attend a workshop for writing grant for the NYS, and the first he is completing is one for Parks and Rec. which would be invaluable for the HNP.

It was noted that in sorting through files, the grant application for Leo Cox Beach Foundation which was due March 15, had not been filled out at all. A letter was sent to them explaining our resent upheaval and requesting permission to send it, though it was late. We have not heard back from them yet.

A motion was made by Rob and seconded by Charlie to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. All in favor.

Library Report:

See attached.

Museum Report:

See attached. It was decided that we will make small flyers to send home with school children in Granville School district as well as Mettowee School and Wells School.

New Business:

A motion by Rob and seconded by Bob we accepted the resignation of Phyllis Cavanaugh. A motion was made by Charlie and seconded by Rob to nominate Jerry McKinney to the Pember Board. All in favor. We had not previously made an actual motion for Robert Tatko to serve as Treasurer. That being said, on a motion by Rob and a second by Mary Cary it was passed. All in favor. Also the position of Vice President, previously held by Phyllis needed to be filled. On a motion by Mary King, seconded by Rob, Mary Cary was nominate as the new Vice President.

A reminder that the SALS Annual Dinner is May 19. Charlie and Mary King are attending to represent the Pember.

Building and Grounds Committee:

Charlie reported on his meeting with Gary Burch a forestry which was hired to evaluate the HNP. In an effort to properly manage the land, he reported, that he did a walk through and found that there was viable timber to harvest. He also gave a plan for future management of the property. It will be evaluated.

Long Term planning:

A discussion followed about the need for more volunteers and how they could be recruited. Our article in the paper didn't generate many leads. Mary King reported on some volunteer efforts which had been used in the past. It was decided that a good course of action would be to meet with the Slate Museum and coordinate efforts since we are both in the same boat.

Fundraising:

Some possible fundraisers were discussed. One of these was the possibility of a Scavenger Hunt. This might be in conjunction with the Slate Museum.

Ardyce suggested as a possible fundraiser "Pennies for the Pember". There will be a kickoff with a newspaper article and started as soon as possible.

The concerts in the park were mentioned with regard to taking advantage of a gathered group of people to sell something. Gigi suggested doing a Pember tee shirt. She showed a sample of one she had done for the Historical Society. On a motion by Bob and seconded by Mary C. she was given permission to go ahead with one for the Pember.

The Friends of the Library are stepping up to the plate, yet again, and are paying for the two computers which needed replacing and also paying for cleaning supplies for the building.

First Friday:

Rob distributed a First Friday poster he had created. Everyone took some to put up throughout the area. Also he reported on a grant he was working on which allowed for funding for musicians and other expenses associated with promoting the event.

Old Business: Mary Sillich, Mary Cary, Mary King, Robert Tutko, Rob McGuire, Jerry McKinney, Ardyce Prescott, Bernadette Hoffman

The copier was in place and a big thank you to George Henry for making this possible. It is an expense of \$47 per month and is on permanent loan to the Pember. Once we have learned how to utilize it to its potential we will promote it to the public for use. So in addition to having the ability to make great copied materials for our classes and programs we will be able to realize and income from public use.

Correspondence:

The Annual Dinner was discussed in greater detail. Reports were given on prices from a couple venues. It was decided that due to the overwhelming amount of work being done by the staff and aboard regrouping, that perhaps "annual dinner" as has been done in the past was perhaps not viable at this time. However, it was discussed and decided upon to change up the format for this year. We will host an Ice Cream social and silent auction. This will still raise much needed funds for the Pember. Plans are underway for this event which it was decided would be held on July 5th. July 4th is on a Friday this year so we are not doing the regular "First Friday". A new date will be established for the "annual dinner", probably sometime in April. This will allow more time for planning and move it further from the timeframe of the Slate Museum's Annual Dinner to better make each a success.

Business have been concluded the meeting was opened to the Public participation:

George Henry said that the copier was here on a 30 day commitment to be sure it was a good fit. Also he volunteered to print post cards as invitations/announcements for the Ice Cream Social and also up to 500 raffle tickets for use.

A thank you was extended for George Demas for fixing some lighting in the Pember.

Jerry made a motion, seconded by Mary C. to adjourn. All were in favor.

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