

WOODSTOCK HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING
May 12, 2009
Palmer Hall, 6:30 P.M.

Present: President Gail White, Nancy Gale, Elaine Lachapelle, Doug Zimmerman, Mary Ellen Blake, Judy Hosmer, Cheryl Wakely

Absent: Pat Papini, Tony Reed, Linda Chase, Marilyn Pomeroy

Guests: Earl and Beverly Brazeal

President Gail White called the meeting to order at 6:42 P.M.

Minutes of the April 14, 2009 meeting were reviewed and a correction was made to the spelling of Gail White's name. Motion to approve by Nancy Gale, Cheryl Wakely second. Motion passed.

There was no Treasurer's report.

Cheryl Wakely reported that work will resume this summer on the pictorial history book. Possible sales venues are Roseland Cottage, the Fairgrounds (150th anniversary year), and Walking Weekends.

As Nominating Chair, Cheryl announced that Gale Garceau resigned as Treasurer effective April 30, 2009. Cheryl asked for suggested names to fill the slot.

Concerning finances, Earl Brazeal agreed to do bookkeeping in Quicken using the end of March balance sheet and adding invoices that have been paid to date. No computer entries have been made in our Quickbooks system for 2009. Nancy Gale will serve as Interim Treasurer , making deposits and paying bills. She will convey the data to Earl for computer entries.

Before he left at 7:15 P.M., Earl asked the status of the movie licensing. Doug Zimmerman and Cheryl Wakely are working on that.

Regarding fund raising: Judy Hosmer reported on sales of pink lemonade and almond macaroons at the Source to Sea event "Reminiscing at Roseland Lake" May 9, 2009. Cookies were purchased to satisfy NDDH requirements so expenses were higher than anticipated. Despite extensive publicity, turnout for the event was poor. Elaine Lachapelle suggested selling the extra at the Memorial Day parade. Judy agreed to set up a table in front of Palmer Hall that day. The Board approved.

Meeting times and dates: Gail requested that board members submit their best two choices of time and day to her. The format for meetings will be to receive committee reports by e-mail beforehand. That way the Board can move right to Old and New Business and thereby shorten meetings.

Revisions have been made to the Roseland lease. The Finance Committee recommends a change of term to 7-1-09 through 6-30-11. A draft will be sent to Historic New England for final review along with a request for back rent. When the rent is received, we will finalize the lease. So moved by Elaine Lachapelle, Nancy Gale second. The motion was amended to cover language in Part 1 of the Right of First Refusal regarding "landlord/owner". There was no further discussion. Motion passed.

The Building Committee is working on a list of needs with respect to what is realistic. The Board should focus on what we offer to the community and how the building can serve those needs. Our goal should be to have heat and solve drainage problems. The Last Green Valley wants a list of projects that might be eligible for federal stimulus money. The 1792 Society will need plans by early Fall. Gail is checking with CL&P for a kind of energy audit requested through a "dispute on our bill".

The Woodstock Fair has again offered free rent for a booth but we need someone in charge. Gail will ask Charlotte Trahan to do this.

Doug Zimmerman announced an upcoming field trip to the grist mill in Pomfret . This would coincide with our water power exhibit. The musical program by Jeff Davis was very successful with about 80 in attendance. There was \$40. given to us from sales of CD's and money dropped in the donation box that evening. In lieu of a fee, Doug gave them a gift certificate to the Still River Café. Doug requests new program suggestions.

Beverly Brazeal will chair this year's Garden Party. Bev requested a change of date to the Sunday after Labor Day. The Board agreed that September 13th would be OK.

Mary Ellen Blake moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 P.M. Motion seconded by Doug Zimmerman. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith T. Hosmer
Recording Secretary