

Methuen Historical Society, Inc.
Board of Directors | August 22, 2018
Methuen, Massachusetts

In Attendance: Joy Karpowicz, Tom Lussier, Maureen Pollard, Sharon Pollard, Beverly Brown, Denis Webster-Greene, Ralph Belmonte, Paul Webster-Greene, Joe Bella, Charlie Farrington, Katherine Robinson
Absent: John Hadley

Secretary's Report: Motion was made and seconded, with correction of the Annual Meeting Open House to reflect September 26, 2018, to accept the Secretary's report of July 19, 2018. Voted and approved.

President's Report: Denis opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. Reported that the scholarship recipient was given her scholarship. Pictures were taken and have been sent to Methuen Life. Irrigation system is done with the exception of the rain sensor. Tom will meet the contractor at the Gatehouse on Thursday at 2:00 pm. Denis has been in contact with Alice Levesque's family and they are working on the histories and will have them to the Methuen Historical Society by the second week of September. Joe Bella did a presentation at the Grace Morgan House in regards the history of the building. They are looking forward to Joe coming back for another presentation. It was brought to the attention of the Board that there will be a Methuen Day on October 13th from 10-2 in the downtown area, The museum will be open that day from 10-2. Joe, Joy and Sharon will work either the museum or the informational tables downtown.

Treasurer's Report: Reports distributed for activity up to and as of July 31, 2018. Voted and approved.

Old Business

Greycourt Artisan Work - John was not present at the meeting. Denis will email John and see if he has contacted a source in reference to an artisan for restoration work and will get the estimates needed to be submitted to the state for review.

Greycourt Security - Sharon will speak with police chief to find out about locking the upper gate until there is a secure way to lock the second gate and create a barrier from cars getting around the gate.

Building and Grounds -

Turret Windows- Sharon will schedule the work for a date after the first weekend of October.

Attic & Basement Cleanup - Maureen will check with the Scout for a dates of either September 15/16 or October 6/7. She will advise the Board.

Gate House Garden - John was not in attendance. Denis will email him regarding the planting of evergreens this fall.

Museum Projects -

Methuen School Projects - Joy provided an update on the progress of the project. The committee is on schedule for a September opening date at the annual meeting. There will be extended hours on September 29th 10-3 and September 30th 12-3.

Castle Fund Application - Tom presented the Board with an outline of the project details. He requested that the Board review and get back to him with thoughts on the difference education materials.

Fundraising - The raffle will be done with a kick off at the Annual meeting and pulled at a Holiday Open House.

Annual Meeting in Fall - The Annual meeting will be held Wednesday September 26th from 6:30-8:30, meeting starting at 7:00. The Methuen Public School exhibit will debut, the Preservation Awards will be presented and the raffle fundraiser will be introduced. Coffee and pastries will be served.

Holiday Open House - December 13th from 7-9 will be the open house. Decorations will be put up during museum hours the weeks prior. Coffee, cider and holiday treats will be offered. Drawing for the raffle will be at 8:00 pm.

New Business -

Festival Of Trees - It was motion and seconded that an advertisement be placed in the Festival of Trees programmed. Voted and approved with Tom, Sharon and Maureen abstaining. Sharon suggested that a group from the historical society participate in the Chase. The Methuen Historical Society will be donating a tree. This year's theme is Star Lanterns. Katherine will update the Board at the next meeting.

Preservation Award- A motion was made and seconded to award the property located at High and Broadway. Voted and approved.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 8:32 p.m. Voted and approved.

Next meeting of the Methuen Historical Society will be held on Thursday August 20, 2018.

Meeting will be at the Gatehouse.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Karpowicz

Secretary, Methuen Historical Society