

The Methuen Historical Society, Inc.
Board of Directors
June 21, 2018
Methuen, Massachusetts

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

Secretary's Report: Motion was made and seconded to accept the Secretary's report of May 17, 2018. Voted and approved.

President's Report: Denis opened the meeting at 7:13 pm. Reported that the scholarship recipient has been chosen and was working with the student for presentation. Festival of Trees cocktail was a success and the winner was very pleased with the reception. Keypad is working but with a battery issue. October 10, 2018 is the Methuen High School College/Civic fair will be held and Methuen Historical Society plans to have a table. Joy volunteered to participate. Photos were donated by Maureen Desisto and are on the desk to be reviewed by board members.

Treasurer's Report: Reports distributed for activity up to and as of May 31, 2018. Voted and approved. Tom requested that if a check is given or dropped in the box please contact as soon as possible.

Old Business

Greycourt Restoration - John will contact artisans regarding restoration work and will get the estimates needed to be submitted to the state for review.

Building and Grounds - Denis has not had a response from Matthew's Irrigation and will reach out again. Maureen suggested we donate the stanchions to the Lawrence History Center. Motion was made and seconded to accept that the stanchions will be donated to the Lawrence History Center with the stipulation that we may borrow them should the need arise.

Gate House Garden - The hosta move has been completed and walkway pavers have been realigned. John presented the board with images of the flowers that are being considered for the front garden. He will purchase from Lake Street. He has also approached Home Depot with a wish list and will follow up with the manager. The city will be contacted regarding the Sumac that is growing through the wall and becoming invasive.

Fundraising - It was suggested that we consider a dinner party fundraiser. As explained, between 10-15 hosts would have a dinner for 8 guests at a ticket price of \$40. A number of themes were considered and different ways of presenting the party were reviewed. A continued conversation on this fundraiser will be discussed at the next meeting.

New Business -

A motion was made and second to approve Ralph Belmonte as a new board member.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 8:37 p.m. Voted and approved.

Next meeting of the Methuen Historical Society will be held on Thursday July 19, 2018.

Meeting will be at the Gatehouse.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Karpowicz

Secretary, Methuen Historical Society