

The Methuen Historical Society, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting | September 20, 2018 | Methuen, Massachusetts

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

Secretary's Report: Motion was made and seconded to accept the Secretary's report of August 22, 2018. Voted and approved.

President's Report: Denis opened the meeting at 7:02 pm. Denis brought forward Charlie's concern about the outside drain causing water in the basement. Options were discussed to extend the drain and change the direction. Alice Levesque's uniform and accessories have arrived for the school exhibit. Fire inspection was done and batteries in the lights need to be replaced. DCR was to come and again were a no show. Follow up will be done.

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

Old Business

Greycourt Artisan Work - John will set up for a site visit and assessment.

Building and Grounds:

Attic & Basement Cleanup - Maureen will follow up with Scouts on a date and advise Board.

Gate House Garden - Reviewed options for winter garden. Discussed tree options for yard.

Museum Projects -

Methuen School Projects - Joy provided an update on the progress of the project. There will be extended hours on September 29th 10-3 and September 30th 12-3.

Castle Fund Application - Tom presented and emailed the Board with an outline of the project details. Discussion on maps and brochures with no changes made to proposal. Application will go before the Castle Fund next month.

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

Annual Meeting in Fall - The Annual meeting changed to Wednesday, October 25th from 6:30-8:30, meeting starting at 7:00. The Methuen Public School exhibit will be available for review, 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.

Festival of Trees - This year's theme is Star Lanterns. Katherine reviewed the theme and discussed needing colored lights. Set up date to be determined.

New Business -

Winterizing Gatehouse - Joy will review the purchase of clear velcro for the window inserts and balloons for the chimneys. 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 Wednesday October 25, 2018.

Meeting will be at the Gatehouse.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Karpowicz | Secretary, Methuen Historical Society