



Dresden Historical Society P. O. Box 201 Dresden, Maine 04342
Minutes for August 14, 2017

Present – John Ottum (President), Joe Wiley (Vice President), Jamie Rea (Treasurer), Eleanor Everson, Julie Rea (Director), Carole Sargent (Director), Tina Ware & Shari Lilly (Secretary). Also present was our newest member, Ryan Larochelle.

Joe opened the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

John introduced our new member, Ryan, who is new to our community. He will be a great addition to our group.

Secretary's Report was previously sent via mail/email. John made a motion to accept the report as written; Jamie seconded. So approved by show of hands.

Treasurer's Report – Jamie was not present last month, so his report was for two months. He said that the largest expense was for the roof so far. He transferred money from the savings account to the checking to cover the costs. The Ice Cream Social brought in \$120.00 in sales, a \$15.00 donation and a \$5.00 membership from Amanda Silverman. Jamie said we're getting low on monies. It was mentioned that between now and Spring we need to find ways to raise more money. The insurance will be due then. We have about \$1800.00 left in the accounts. Right now we are solvent, but he is thinking ahead for what we will have coming up for large bills. Shari mentioned that at least the roof is a one-time expense, so that will be of help. Joe said we can check to see if we can get the insurance lowered. With no further discussion, John made a motion to approve the treasury report; Shari seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business – a.) Buildings – Ed Soucie has done a great job on the roof. Although it has taken most of our funds, it is worth it. He still has other work he will be doing. Joe will get the chimney cap on this week. The entry table needs to be repaired as it is quite rickety, so Joe said he would check that out at the same time. The window underneath has been sealed. We still have some work to do on the inside, but now everything is waterproof. Eleanor said she noticed the boards on the deck aren't nailed all the way back down and the door isn't hooking up right. Joe will check that.

b.) In regard to the cost of materials that Carole has been purchasing, she was told to turn in her receipts so she could be reimbursed for the items that we use here. Tonight she has told us that she is donating the materials (sleeves & other archiving items). Everyone thanked her for her generosity. Carole would like to plan an event with the money put towards a specific historical use. Julie asked if Carole had an assignment as to what our interest would be for a subject. It was mentioned that we could also see about having talks on the subjects or a speaker. This is something for us to think about to see what we can come up with.

c.) There has been a lot of activity at the museum this year. Especially an interest in the

Bailey lineage. Joe said we should consider if it's appropriate to ask for donations if we find information people are looking for as he thinks we should be able to get something for doing the work and especially if they want copies. He suggested \$10.00. Carole also suggested including a card with a membership form.

d.) John suggested asking the town for a donation to help offset our expenses. Joe agreed. We can request that it be put on the warrant for the town meeting.

e.) Joe suggested that we wait until the new Administrative Assistant begins her job before we check on the old books in the town office cellar.

f.) Joe has called the guy who wanted to use his metal detector at the museum, but he hasn't been able to connect with him yet.

g.) The stone marker still hasn't been returned. Joe will try to talk to Scott about it.

h.) Eleanor asked Jamie if he has gotten any readable-size pictures yet. Jamie said he can't use regular thumb nails as they are not the right size. Eleanor said we may have to do it from a different angle. She said Teri Parker had blown some up to 8 x 10 size. Jamie said it could be the type of printer she has. He said it's going to take some work to get them adjusted. Also, Jamie said we need to see about getting the titles clearer.

New Business – a.) Carole asked if we want to put signs up for handicap accessible. Eleanor said we need to make sure we have the ramp outside before we post it. We will see what we can do to modify the ramp we have or do something else.

b.) Carole is concerned about the glass on the lighted table getting scratched. Joe will get some 'good stuff' to put on it for a cushion.

c.) Kevin McKean did a diagram for us years ago. He took some pictures of it, but his flash was too much for the clarity. He wants to see if we can take the plexiglass off so he can take better pictures to make copies so he can put them up on the walls of his new 'cabin rental'. Joe will take a look at how we can get it off and set it somewhere so he can take his pictures. The glass is quite heavy. Eleanor said David Chaplain had taken pictures from many angles. He has passed away so she would like to contact Mrs. Chaplain to see if she could get the pictures. John said Karen would take some pictures for us and we know she does a great job.

Other Business – a.) Barbara Houdlette Shorette's granddaughter teaches in Portland and would like someone to come to her school to give a talk on what it was like to go to a one-room schoolhouse. Eleanor wants to make copies of some pictures from the Souviney collection to take with them.

b.) John asked if we wanted to do more suppers or keep it the same. This is something to think about and discuss another time.

Shari motioned to adjourn, John seconded. So voted at 8:10 p.m. By show of hands.

Respectfully submitted,
Shari Lilly (Secretary)

NEXT MEETING WILL BE MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE YELLOW SCHOOLHOUSE.

Memberships are being taken at anytime. The cost is only \$5.00 per person a year. Anyone interested in helping on a committee(s), please let us know. Any and all help is greatly

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