



Minutes

Derry Heritage Commission

Monday, December 12, 2022

7:00pm – 3rd Floor Training Room
Derry Municipal Center

7:00pm Call to Order
 Salute to the Flag, pointing out of Fire Exits, Handicap Access, turn off cell phones and pagers.
 Roll Call

Members Attending: Karen Blandford-Anderson, Chairperson, TJ Cullinane, Paul Lindemann, Mark Wiseman, Cathy Bauman, and Mark Mastromarino (Curator)

Visitors: Michael Hills, Calvin Plante, Luke Hansen and Angela Garcia of the Jr. Historians.

- 7:10pm Chairman's Report
- Review and approval of Minutes from 10-3-2022 –
 - Made a motion by TJ Cullinane, seconded by Mark Wiseman to approve the minutes. Vote 5-0 in favor of accepting minutes as written.
 - PO signature updates to remove previous members and resign completed.
 - Jr. Historians presentation on Museum Updates
 - TJ Cullinane did the introduction the presiding officers of the Jr. Historians.
 - Calvin Plante, started by giving the group some background.
 - Derryfest – high turnout of people that came and saw the group at the booth and took the tours. As a result, the double the size of the membership. Tours and raffle brough in new people.
 - Came into possession of a series of letters from DAR letters have been archived and have now reached back to the DAR to see if they want to observe their progress.
 - Plan t to finish the story of the WWII veterans documented and bring them.
 - Projects for 2023 – The club started when they were given some letters about a priest that was charged with being a spy. Later they learned that he wasn't a spy and now they are trying to get in touch with the Philippines embassy to see if they can give back the letter and vestments, "Beloid the Blessed" in time for the "sainthood" in September of 2024. Mike Hill suggested that they contact the NH Senator. Mark M. asked if the documents were digitized already. TJ explained that there are about 15 letters in our archived with the rest

at the University of Michigan (Worcester Collect)) Charles E. King gave the letters to Rick Holmes. Not sure of the direct Derry connection.

- Follow on discussion – the DAR letters belong to the Museum and will stay in or inventory.
 - Mark M. to reach out to Erin at the Library to see if this would be a good project for them.
 - The potential of working with the Diamond Library to see if they would be worth sharing.
- Museum improvements suggestions. Take the full back of the “gallery walk” with the life of Alan Shepard. To make the room a final meeting room.
 - They are planning a mixer with the Upper Room and/or Networking meeting to regroup on ideas that may lead into the

Museum Schedule through the Holidays

- Wednesday, December 14th – Not open for Holiday Celebration.
- Saturday, December 17th – Cathy Baumann/Mark Wiseman to staff
- Wednesday, December 21st Open
- Saturday, December 24th - Closed
- Wednesday, December 28th - Open
- Saturday, December 31st – Closed
- Update the schedule on the Website (KBA or Kaleigh)
- Motion was made by TJ Cullinane and seconded Cathy Baumann to close on Saturdays from January to Valentine’s Day – 5-0 – motion passes.

7:45pm Upcoming outreach
TJ Cullinane:

- Has been invited to Bunker Hill to talk about John Start. No dates yet but will let us know. Mark Mastromarino will assist with the research at the History Library in Manchester.
- Doing some research on Alan Shepard at War.
- Working on the Second Edition based on the edits and new information for the Civil War Book.
- Friends of the Forest Hills – looking to do a blitz to get volunteers to clean the headstones. Jr. Historians to reach out to NEXT charter school and Pinkerton Day of Giving Volunteers. Rotary Club as well.

8:15pm Old Business
• Website

- a. Blog Postings and Website has moved over to Heritage Commission. Full Admin has been offered to Karen Blandford-Anderson and access to the site to Kaleigh Shaughnessy.
- b. Two (2) new posting went up today to update the site.
- c. Projected website blogs – review process. (Review process – responsible to write the blog for the wide audience, review process and then approval/edit process. Writer/Kaleigh/Reviewer (Paul/Karen)/Back to author final approval)
- d. Upcoming Topics
 - i. Jr. Historians
 - ii. Steven Holland – Loyalist Spy
 - iii. Electricity
 - iv. Beaver Lake
 - v. Ice Harvesting
 - vi. Dr. Sylvanus Brown

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vii. General Thom's information from the Pinkerton Hall of Fame induction

- Omeka
 - a. Inventory sheets to be entered and Paul Lindemann and Karen Blandford-Anderson will outline any new updates on the process after January 1st.
- Museum Updates
 - b. Renovations - Next Steps
 - c. Jr. Historian Report
 - d. Acquisitions and Inventory
- Robert Frost/Stagecoach Byway Commission Report – Cathy Baumann
 - a. Last meeting, they did a spreadsheet of activities (30) assigning them a value to see a list of things with a priority.
 - i. Working with Planning Boards
 - ii. Working with Heritage Commissions
 - iii. Marketing
 - iv. Working with DPW and DOT on safety in the road while preserving history in the areas
 - v. Next meeting in the February will be on Zoom to finalize the list tasks.
- Newell Sleigh – finding the sleigh. Mark Mastromarino to contact to find out the location of the sleigh. If we find that the sleigh needs restoration, there are ways we could provide a “sponsor fee” that may potentially. Looking for the year of the sleigh.
- Coloring Book – update
 - Paul Lindemann will reach out one more time to Acacia then we'll reach out to a new artist.

8:45pm

Meeting House Update from Paul Lindemann

There was a working party on Saturday, December 11th organized to move all the pews on so they can begin to put down flooring over the asbestos tiles and clean the ceiling of the lead paint. Target Christmas 2024 for completion of the restoration so they can use of the new sanctuary.

Chamber of Commerce did a ribbon cutting for the new access building.

Friends of the Meeting House is going to refile the 501.3C

Civil War Encampment – with canon to be part of the spring fund raising plans with road race.

9:00pm

Commission.

Introduction of Mike Hill – New volunteer with the museum and member of Heritage

9:10pm

Motion made by TJ Cullinane, seconded by Mark Wiseman to adjourn. Motion passed 5-0.

Next Meeting – Monday, February 6, 2023 –

Respectfully submitted: Karen Blandford-Anderson, Chairperson, Derry Heritage Commission