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Minutes - Derry Heritage Commission - June 3, 2019

Present at the meeting: Karen Blandford-Anderson, TJ Cullinane, Mary Eisner, Mark Mastromarino Phyllis Katsakiores, and Paul Lindemann,

Not present: Nicole Chalafant and Denise Neale

Call to order 7:00pm

Salute to the flag.

Chairman's Report

- Purchase orders for standing order were signed by those present. Additional signatures from two alternate members will be obtained at the next meeting.
- Mark Mastromarino was elected Curator
- Farmer's Market starting June 12th Volunteers Paul Lindemann we'll focus on the 300th Anniversary. Monday morning reminder to volunteer. 2:30pm to 7:00pm total time.
- Opening the museum on Saturday 1-5 starting June 15th Mark will start with the 1:00-5:00pm and see what kind of response he gets.

Museum Update - Mark Mastromarino

- Not many visitors this month the shift to Saturday should be good
- Volunteers have completed the time with us and
- Acquisitions
 - Laura Bertrand donated an original Glimpses of Derry that belonged to Harriet Newell (here name in on the top).
 - o Juvenile Book on Alan Shepard donated by Wayne MacDonald
 - o Rick Holmes donated a photo from the top of the Pinkerton tower.
- Taking down the WWI exhibit in July
- Putting up a sign for the Town Pound gate in the lobby area
- Working on a permanent display for the Adam's Memorial Building in the museum lobby.
 Thinking of something like the Hood Farm Panel. Paul recommended using Imageability in Londonderry.
- Time Capsule will be opened at Londonderry Old Home day and then closed up at Derryfest.
- A-B-C Coloring book is in the works and student doing drawings is being contacted
- Rick Holmes called and told us that Hercules Papachrisos has a copy of the Eagles Honor Roll from WWI that he wants to donate to the museum.



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- Email from Natalie Newell from Benson's Wild Animal Farm and was looking for assistance on doing something to partnership.
- Roberta Robie called an has annual reports she'd like to donate. Mark will follow-up with her to see if they are duplicates
- Dan Carpenter is doing research on Hayes and Underhill and had a metal working shop. He's wondering if we have any labeled samples.
- Heritage Commission will allow the Derry Arts Council to use a portion of their office area upstairs for storage of their sound board cases.

Forest Hills Cemetery Update - TJ Cullinane

- TJ has a copy of "We Seven" (Alan Shepard) that he wanted to know if the museum would like.
- TJ will be speaking at a number of places:
 - June 15 Civil War Encampment 10:00 to 4:00pm TJ is working with John Furillo to bring the artillery to the event and it looks like the field that is directly behind the library would work for firing the canon. Working with the town to make sure we can use the area (12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00 and 4:00pm.) Steve Woods (Abraham Lincoln impersonator) will give a set of remarks about Lincolns visit to his son at Philips-Exeter. At the First Parish Church at 12:00pm (noon). Site map and list of activities will be created this week.
 - TJ to send the final file to Mary Eisner so she can make the announcement in session on June 13th in Concord.
 - o June 29th John Stark talk at Fort #4 (time to be determined)
- Flagpole TJ is working with Keith to update the flag. Rehab and lighting to be usable and able to fly a flag. TJ feels that the DAR would most likely provide a flag. The commission gave him direction to get an estimate September timeframe for renovations.
- Next steps on the Civil War Book get Paul Lindemann new scans.

300th Celebration Update - Paul Lindemann

- Three events so far have all be very successful!
 - o Founders Weekend was a big success
 - o Living Treasures
 - Derryfield Days May 25th
 - Windham Strawberry Festival
- Other upcoming items:
 - Londonderry Old Home Day- August 14-18th
 - Derry can have booth at this event.



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Opening the old Time Capsule

o Coin

- Joint Artwork on one side
- Windham has a coin
- Londonderry has a draft/mock-up for their coin
- Derry's coin design suggestions First Parish Church, Robert Frost, and Adams Memorial Building Paul to do a rendering (available to sell for Derryfest) for the Derry version. Coins were adhered to a certificate which was numbered.

o Banners for Downtown

Paul has done some draft artwork and send to the team for review.

o Other projects

- Self-guided driving tour created by Windham which is online. Paul asked that we go through it for Historical accuracy and editorial review. It is currently online, but we can make update as needed.
- Working on potentially guided cemetery tours. TJ and Paul would work together to set some times to consider.
- Tours of the old homes, suggestion on houses to consider and potential actor.
 Paul will touch base with Bev Donavon to check on options for potentially using a trolley and combined with historical buildings.

Open Discussion

- o Phyllis is looking for the old scrap books from Jr. Women's League. We'll look in the office.
- Mark delivering a peck of potatoes to the Governor of NH. Potentially invite him to Derryfest.
- o Phyllis said that Carolyne Doyle and another lady where at the event, got a invitation but not registered. I'll ask Sheila Bodenrader about them and will get back to Phyllis. Police.
- o Status of our Town Historian still open. Town website still say it is Rick Holmes Town Historian.
- o Town is doing a video. Suggested that the Heritage Commission get involved. Someone to get in touch with Bev Donavon to see how we can assist.

■ Adjourned – 8:35pm