



Minutes for Heritage Commission Meeting

Monday, August 2, 2021

Present: Karen Blandford-Anderson (Chairperson), TJ Cullinane, Paul Lindemann, and Mark Wiseman

Friends of the Heritage Commission: Mark Mastromarino

Visitor: Kayleigh Pare Shaughnessy

Absent: Catherine Bauman

7:00 pm – Call to Order

7:00 pm – Chairman's Report

- Approval of Minutes from June 7, 2021 - Meeting
 - Motion was made by Marc Wiseman and seconded by TJ Cullinane to approve the minutes without any change. (Passed 4-0)
- The Derry Historical Society of Derry 501.3C lapsed in and had an unclaimed amount of money that has been donated to the Derry Heritage Commission should it choose to accept it.
 - Motion made by TJ Cullinane and seconded Paul Lindemann to accept the check for \$4,564.40 from the Derry Historical Society. (Passed 4-0)
- Visit from Kayleigh Pare Shaughnessy to talk to the group about become the Project Manager/Curator to help us reopen the museum and develop a long-term program/project plan including inventory, educational programs, outreach, and volunteer programs.

Friends of the Forest Hills Cemetery -

- Restoration of the cemetery –
 - Keith with *Cornerstone Cemetery Services* has completed 4 of the restorations (Alexander MacGregor, Ida Taylor, Emma and Gilman Jenness, Mother & Father (no name))

- There are now 5 more in the queue (*Lucy Colby, Charles Franklin, Ann Wilson, Ettie Eastman, and George Taylor*)
- Plenty of work to keep the restoration group busy with headstone near the road and in the back area of the settler plot.
- Spray painted military insignia plan to let them weather and let nature take its course to remove the paint over time.
- Museum Volunteer
 - 66 pieces have been curated
 - Working now on the R. Holmes purchases.
 - Need to restate the goal of the museum and requirements for artifact.
 - Volunteers are off week of August 4th
 - Derryfest volunteers are not available.
 - September 3rd we will move the postal sorter from the museum to the Robert Frost Farm. We'll need a long-term loan form. Looking for the assistance of the Town.

Museum Update – Mark Mastromarino

- Outreach –
 - Town Hall – do we have the Town Historian Office again. Karen to send a note to Dan Healy to see what is going on.
- Inventory -
 - Mark to start finding place to place the inventoried artifacts.
 - We need to put a storage system in place so we can start to place them away immediately and be able to find them.
 - Archival and boxes to use for storage.
 - Acquisitions:
 - Mason Pediment from Association Hall
 - Charolette Christian family donated a map of Rockingham County
 - Also, the list of Derry Registered Voters – one for men and one for women.
 - Estate Sale – August 19th
 - Glass plate negative from Scott Hayward (36 total). Mark is looking through them to see what they are related to and may be worth scanning.
 - Vincent Cassidy Collection – 1943 went to serve in the military and became a professor. Donated to museum by Vincent's family. Poet.
 - Book – Rick Holmes is working on a 3rd book for the Derry/Windam/Londonderry.
 - Glass negative to be scanned – Mark is going to find out cost and vendor to be used. Ever Present in Manchester could potentially do them.

Current Projects

- Inventory – Omeka - Paul is working to get some areas on the input areas to streamline it. Once we get things up, we can train others to use it and enter the inventory sheets.
- Coloring Book – 2/3rd of the way through that one.

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- Civil War Book – preliminary layout was done. Indexing is done. Paul is now working to get any issues resolved and keep the file accessible to future use. Looking at getting it done by end of August for the printer.
- Church Update – new connector elevator will be available in September. Painting the exterior of the Church and doing repairs. Interior is almost done.

Adjourned 9:15pm

Respectfully submitted: Karen Blandford-Anderson, Chairperson, October 4, 2022