

Wilmot Historical Society
Minutes of Meeting – December 1, 2009

The Board of Directors of the WHS met at the Wilmot Library at 9:30 on Tuesday, December 1, with President Marc Davis, Vice-President Lindy Heim, Secretary Janet Howe, Treasurer Julie Morse, Directors Esther Grace, Nola Aldrich, Fred Ogmundson, Rosanna Dude, new Director Charles Thompson, and interested resident Walter Walker present.

Walter offered some ideas for a fund-raising activity for the WHS, namely a scavenger hunt type of activity where people have to research and answer questions of Wilmot's history and pay to do so. Different versions of this were discussed, i.e., contact an old-timer to find the answers; have three people work on separate questions and present their findings as a program.

Motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept Walter Walker's fund-raising idea and explore the possibilities for a future fund-raising program.

Marc thanked everyone for their good wishes during his recovery from surgery. Chuck Thompson was welcomed as a new member of the Board.

Minutes of the Nov. 1 Annual Meeting were accepted as recorded.

Treasurer reported on the bank (\$2,639.40) and CD (\$20,459.94) balances. \$55 has been collected in dues, \$65 in donations, and \$24.75 from the food table donations as well as \$12 from the donation box in the historical room. Discussion took place regarding memorial contributions to the WHS. Treasurer will keep a separate accounting (but not a separate bank account) so they may be identified. A line will be added to the membership renewal form for memorial donations.

Old Business:

Display case – Julie and Rosanna will work on this.

Feb. program – Lindy researched the “magic lantern” program with no success but has talked with Alan Koop, and he's willing to do a Sun. afternoon (preferably late) program either on Camp Stark, on the first ascent of Mt. Washington, or the AMC huts in the White Mts. Rosanna will see if he's available in February and would present the program on the first ascent of the mountain.

Oral History project – Brenda Snyder, Ann Davis, Mary Fanelli, and Lindy have created a mission statement for the committee, have produced a letter of introduction to mail to prospective interviewees with a permission slip, and have studied the literature on interviewing and attended workshops. Their efforts are much appreciated, as we all agree that this is an important part of what WHS should be doing. Lindy gave an overview of the technical aspects of the interviews. This led to a discussion about the audio tapes now in our collection. It was agreed that our top priority would be to transfer them to CDs and leave the transcriptions for another time.

Collection/preservation – Julie will work more on this after the holiday. Any computer we purchase will be compatible for use by both committees. Mary Fanelli has offered to help us create a web site.

Storage and display of Howe photos – Rosanna reported that archival boxes would run \$40 - \$50. No action taken.

Other Business:

Janet reported on the interview Laura Jean Whitcomb of *Kearsarge Magazine* conducted with Loretta Rayno on Freedom Acres.

Julie mentioned that WCNL radio has an on air “historical minute” which we might take part in. She also mentioned a piece of equipment she has that has remained a mystery, and that sparked the idea of us having a table of “can you identify this?” objects at the February program.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Howe, Secretary

NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2010, at 9:30 in the LIBRARY