

Minutes of the Wilmot Historical Society Meeting
Monday April 14, 2014
1:00 – 2:30 P.M.
History Room, Town Offices
(<http://www.wilmothistoricalsociety.org>)

Present were Lindy Heim, Nola Aldrich, Sue Finney, Fred Ogmundson and Marc Davis

Secretary's Report - accepted

Treasurer's Report - accepted

Old Business:

Board Members

Mary accomplished filing the NHCT-2 report, thank you so much Mary!

Lindy volunteered to schedule docents for the history room (HR) starting June 28, 2014 through September and the same for the Curiosity Shop (CS) during its season. HR docents will be present from 9 till noon, the same hours the Wilmot Farmers' Market (WFM) keeps.

Themed educational displays of certain families, areas of town etc. could be arranged in the HR to enhance summer visitation in the HR.

Lindy presented some fundraising and project ideas she gleaned from her exposure to historical societies in the south. One was the year round sale of baked goods using old recipes perhaps those of the "jelly ladies". Another was hosting an old timey event that features games (Bill Burrus'), demonstrations, food and fun.

Other projects might include historical plaques for important buildings in town and a power point presentation of the town's history to take "on the road".

After a discussion, it was decided not to sponsor the National Trails Day event co-sponsored by the Wilmot Public Library and the Friends of the Northern Rail Trail June 7, 2014. Perhaps another time a more historically focused event could be hosted by WHS along with the Andover Historical Society.

Barnard Grant processing – carried*

* Note from Marc Davis: A letter should be sent to the grant people to let them know how we spent the money and what our future needs might be.

Curiosity Shop

It was proposed and passed that the CS will be in operation during the peak season of the WFM 9 Saturdays from 9 to noon beginning July 5, 2014 through August 30, 2014.

Preservation/Acquisition

- Marc has acquired the Thompson family diaries for digitalizing. It is to be
- decided whether to do this in house or not.
- Two Bean journals have been scanned.
- Organizing of the HR and its shelving - carried
- Mary and Judy are continuing to sort through, re-label and organize the collection in the history room.

Program

Janet will make sure the details of the May 18 program are taken care of including publicity, refreshments etc. Fred will be out of town and has asked Marc to introduce Steve Taylor. Lindy will do the Andover Beacon publicity due this week.

New Business

Family Home Project

Marc's idea to provide a photographic time capsule of Wilmot will be considered further to address issues of privacy, how it is to be carried out and when it is to be done. Sue Finney and Marc will lead the discussion.

Acquisitions

Lindy acquired some family WWI and Civil War medals from Kay Butler in December and will process the gift.

Fred wrote up a press release about the Hannah Youngman diaries so that that gift gets the public notice it deserves. Nola will take a photo of Isaac B. Youngman's grave to accompany the record.

WHS Action Item List

- Janet will be point person for the May 18 program making sure that publicity, refreshments and all the other details are taken care of.
- Julie will research to display the quilt safely in a public domain – perhaps the Library or the WCA.
- Judy and Marc will consider a summer scanning project and photo contest 2014. Leading from the Cracker Barrel Program – special meetings with specific families.
- Lindy will interview Dolly Fowler and others – Loretta Rayno about the Jelly Ladies specifically.
- Marc will consider the Mac Campbell and Charles Thompson family diaries as possible candidates for grant money.
- Fred will process the Margaret Campbell diaries donation.
- Sue Finney and Marc will plan the Family Home Project, a time capsule, a snapshot in time, of homes and people in Wilmot.
- Sue Finney will investigate approaching Don Lucas about saving the old school house and its contents standing on his property.
- Nola Aldrich will take a photo of Isaac B. Youngman's grave to accompany the acquisition record of the Youngman diaries.

Next meeting is at Wilmot History Room 1:00 P.M. May 5, 2014