

Minutes of The Windsor-Severance Historical Society January 25, 2021

The Windsor-Severance Historical Society met via Telephone Conference Call on Monday, January 25 at 10:00 a.m. In attendance were Kristie Melendez, Gloria Gaslin, Dan Meyers, Sue Buxmann, Elaine Schlotthauer, Laura Browarny, Ruth Brunner, and Judy Firestien.

Call to Order - Kristie Melendez called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. and wished everyone a Happy New Year!

Monthly Reports/Approvals

November Minutes - The Minutes from the previous meeting on November 23, 2020 were reviewed. Dan moved and Sue seconded the minutes be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Elaine gave a verbal report on funds. The balance in the checking account is \$1,257.75, the balance in the savings account is \$20,192.71, and the balance of the CD is \$3,304.31

Membership Status/Update – There was nothing new to add, but the holiday promo offering a membership and book resulted in two new members and sale of two books in addition to the membership/book deal.

Old Business

WSHS Luncheon – Marcia had suggested a holiday luncheon, but this was cancelled due to the covid situation. It was suggested the luncheon be rescheduled for Friday, February 19th at Teds' Sweetwater Grill at noon. Kristie will send out an email to confirm.

Preserving and Indexing Video Update from Town – Kristie had sent out a video list to everyone. Laura added they have a couple of volunteers who will be working from home. They have decided the best way to start the process is to transcribe all the interviews so they have a written version of all of them. They will then go through and index the interviews by subject and topic and create a data base from that. Then they will decide where to have all the videos live; the Town may create a sublist on the Town YouTube Channel for the videos where someone can search on a topic. They have started with the videos that are on YouTube and started to transcribe them. Laura mentioned the list that Kristie sent has more listed than what the Library has listed. The lists may need to be merged. Laura has reached out to Katie at the Library. Katie mentioned, when she was still working for the Town, she had taken all the Library videos and uploaded them to the Town server so that they could be added to the Windsor TV channel. They should all be there and just need to be located. This could be compared with what is on the Society hard drive. A column could be added to Kristie's list to notate where videos exist such as the Library or Town Channel and then information on whether a video has been indexed or transcribed could be added also. Laura thought the Town had the equipment to transfer a vhs tape to a dvd, so equipment Marge Straube has would not be needed. Sue mentioned there are also mini-cassettes from a camera that Marge gave to Laura at one time. Laura confirmed these are in the Museum collection and it would be helpful to have the equipment to work with these. Kristie has the camera and Laura should contact her when ready to work with the cassettes.

Sue mentioned there might be a tape missing from the list. There were two interviews with Harold Stoll; one on the Mill and one on the story of his family. This needs to be located and uploaded. Sue gave to Caitlin some VHS tapes that she and Sandy had put on DVDs; one was on history of Windsor businesses and people from Helen Hettinger Brunner. Sue had donated these to the Town. Laura will continue to try to consolidate the lists. Laura asked that anyone contact her if they would like to

transcribe any of these interviews. Ruth added she will email a list to Kristie of all the interviews she did. She also has a WSHS DVD list that includes 22 videos. Ruth added she went to do an interview one time and the person was watching an interview with Jim Dudley on a Windsor government channel, so the interviews are out there and being watched. All of the lists need to be merged so everyone is working with the same document.

WHS VHS Tape Conversion Opportunity – Kristie mentioned she has made a connection with Jen from Windsor High School who is involved with a club called TSA-Technology Student Association which is a group of kids involved with technology. They are doing a fundraiser right now to help students to go to a future convention. If you have VHS tapes, you can take them to the High School and for \$10 per tape the students will convert the tape to DVD.

WSHS Video for Promotion - The group has been talking about creating a video to promote the Society as an organization. Kristie would reach out to the TSA high school club to see if they might help create a video for a small donation to the club. Kristie would check with Jen to see if they have this capability and then the group could discuss what that might look like. The video might then be included on the Town site or on You Tube to remind folks of what the Society is trying to accomplish and to invite others to join as members.

Video Thank You event - A “Video Appreciation Night” had been suggested by Ruth Brunner. Kristie wondered if an event might be coordinated with the Museum and/or with an exhibit where interview folks could be invited to attend and recognition be given. It might be good to wait until Laura is further along with the indexing project and progress could be celebrated. Laura mentioned the Museum is trying to return to usual activities by this Summer, but no exhibits are scheduled until Fall. Ruth would be happy to call interviewees to invite them and help get them to the event. Laura will keep everyone in the loop. Good idea; keep on agenda as place holder.

Severance Updates – Dan reported they have been in contact with Preserving with Purpose and the Clearview Library and are doing some fundraising for their project, however it has been a difficult year to get people to contribute. They have decided to put the project on hold for now. Dan hopes they will be able to put something together in the future when things get better. Some photos, videos, fireworks, and other events were done for the Centennial celebration, which went well despite the pandemic. There are no other projects right now, but Dan would be happy to pass on any information from the Society.

New Business

Board Communications

Kristie mentioned the Society will continue to promote themselves and upgrades to the website will continue. One other thing to look at might be a membership drive in the summer again. Not much can be done right now until things start to open up more.

Gloria mentioned the Northern Colorado Chapter of AHSGR did a virtual Christmas party in December and it turned out well. The National Headquarters was involved and there was live polka music and an interview with Harold Stoll. Gloria would share the link

The next meeting will be a teleconference call on Monday, February 22, 2021. The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Firestien
Secretary

