

Minutes of The Windsor-Severance Historical Society June 28, 2021

The Windsor-Severance Historical Society met in person on Monday, June 28 at 10:00 a.m. In attendance were Kristie Melendez, Sue Buxmann, Dan Meyers, Marcia Will-Clifton, Laura Browarny and Judy Firestien.

Call to Order - Kristie Melendez called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

Monthly Reports/Approvals

March Minutes - The Minutes from the previous meeting on May 24, 2021 were reviewed. Marcia moved and Dan seconded the minutes be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Kristie reported via email from Elaine that the balance in checking is \$3,313.21, savings balance is \$20,194.20 and the CD balance is \$3,313.10. Financially, the Society is solid.

Membership Status/Update – Kristie reported 514 letters had been sent out. Sue reported there were 24 renewals with 2 businesses joining (one new), 8 new members, and 4 families. Donations received were \$1,160 with \$50 for Gene Morey's memorial and Sue has also collected \$1,600 in dues. Total collected was \$2,760. If someone donates, they are automatically considered a member. Kristie also reported a "surprise" donation from PDC Energy who is sending a check for \$5,000. We will want to be sure to send invitations to events to new members and people who donated. This was a very successful membership drive. Hopefully, we can also encourage some of these people to volunteer and help in the future.

Old Business

Preserving and Indexing Videos - Update from Town – Laura updated the Board that there are now three people on staff for the summer and each will be dedicating 12 hours per week to transcribing videos for the next 6 months based on budget for these positions. Hopefully, they will make some good progress on the videos and they will get started within the next month. Caitlin has pulled all the info she needed from the old tapes and cassettes.

Video Thank You Event - The date for the appreciation event was scheduled for Sunday, November 7th from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Arts and Heritage Center. This would give time for the video to be completed. An invitation list would be put together from the video list and families of interviewees would be invited; mail and email could be used. The new letterhead could be used for invitations. The event would also be open to the public so everyone can come out and see the WSHS. The brochure might be updated and there would be books to sell. Refreshments would also be served and wine and beer might be available with a big tray of cheeses, fruits and meats. High Hops might be willing to donate or Peculiar Ale. The Society might want to plan for a pretty big event; especially since everyone is interested in getting out. It would be an Open House. A rack card might also be created to list all of the current oral histories that are available. The Society should ask for volunteers to help. Notice should be put on Facebook also. "Save the Date" announcements could be sent out in September. Kristie will start on the language and look to be included on Facebook and on the website home page. 408 Exchange is a Windsor business who might be available for catering. Individually wrapped items might be better with the current situation. Kristie asked that everyone bring additional ideas for the thank you event to the next meeting. It might be nice to include the thank you to everyone who has participated in the invitation so that everyone gets the message.

Review Proposal with Preserving with Purpose - Kristie mentioned the video proposal received from Preserving with Purpose at the May meeting. The Board wanted to meet in person to discuss

and Claire sent some videos to review. The Board will need to make two decisions. The first would be approving the \$7,900 expenditure and the second would be to decide on what kind of videos the Society would want. The proposal would include two full days of filming on location; maybe by Boardwalk Park. There would be a three minute video and two shorter vignettes. It might be nice to include a quarter of a day on location in Severance.

Discussion ensued over costs, length and quality of the videos, number of videos to be created, what the Town could do to partner or help with the goal being to create awareness of WSHS, how the videos would be used, use of members funds, and amount of work involved in creating videos and how to be used on future projects. Funds could also be directed towards items at the Museum, such as an historic preservation project, which would also allow exposure and create awareness of WSHS in the community.

It was agreed Kristie would go back to Preserving with Purpose and ask them what could be accomplished at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.

Dan would also ask the Library if there was still \$2,000 available to be put towards such a project that had been meant to go towards the Severance video. Kristie would wait to hear back from Dan first.

Severance Days August 7th – Dan reported Severance Days would be August 7th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. A table has been reserved for WSHS. He has the picture stand, table, quiz board, picture book, etc. for use at the table. Books and brochures would be included on the table in addition to any other ideas. Dan would get the banner from Sue for use and could also use the tent stored in Sue's garage. It might be nice if the Windsor Museum could have a table next to WSHS and then volunteers could work both booths. WSHS could buy candy to be included with the Quiz Board.

New Business

Next List of Oral Video Candidates – Further names were discussed for oral history videos and these names would be given to Ruth.

Recreational Trial Advocacy – Marcia withdrew her request to share information.

Mutual Membership between WSHS and AHSGR – Gloria was not able to attend the meeting. The Board would wait to receive further information from her on AHSGR membership.

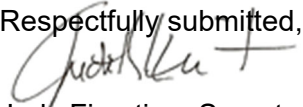
Board Communications – Kristie asked the Board to consider several items (1) Consider joining the Severance Chamber of Commerce for \$100, (2) Consider making a donation to Bethel Lutheran for use of the meeting room, and (3) Consider placing a small ad on the Community Map being produced by the Windsor Chamber for \$295. Marcia moved and Dan seconded the Society join the Severance Chamber for \$100, make a donation to Bethel Lutheran for \$150 and include an ad on the map at the cost of \$295. Motion carried.

Kristie would create an ad and circulate to the Board for approval.

A letter of support for further work on the Dickey Farmhouse would be provided to the Town of Windsor Museums from the WSHS.

Next Meeting - The next meeting will be in person at Bethel Lutheran Church on July 26, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Judy Firestien, Secretary