



Board Members (in attendance unless noted as absent):

Boas, Keith (2022)
DeMeis, Jane (2021)
Hunt, Robert (2022)
Laurence, John (2023)
Lee, Suzanne (2022)
McCormick, Lucy (2023)
Poray, Bill (2023)
Profitt, Vicki (2023)
Unckless, Jim (2021)
Wells, Matt (2022)
Wiener, Linda (2021)

Others Present

PHS Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2021

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on January 26, 2021 virtually on Zoom due to the pandemic.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by President Robert Hunt.

Secretary's Report and Minutes. Suzanne Lee

Minutes of the regular Board of Trustees meeting from December 15, 2020 were presented. *Minutes were accepted on a motion made, seconded, and carried.*

Treasurer's Report. Linda Wiener

- **Treasurer's report for December 2020** was presented as follows:

Balance sheet – Total assets and equity = \$149,513. Total cash of \$59,314 (decrease of \$657 from November and an increase of \$4867 from PY cash).

Profit and Loss for month: net loss of -\$722. YTD.

Profit and Loss actual compared to budget: Year-to-date through August 31, 2021

Income \$18,284 compared to \$24,965 budgeted for 2020-2021 (73% of budgeted amount)

Expenses \$6,105 compared to \$24,403 budgeted for 2020-2021 (25% of budgeted amount)

Treasurer's report for December was accepted on a motion made, seconded, and carried.

- **Per discussion at our prior board meetings regarding concerns related to Evans bank, Linda has transferred our accounts to Lyons National Bank.** Most of the money has been moved; will move the rest after the next reconciliation in February. All automatic deductions are now being handled through Lyons.
- Linda will send a recommendation about a CD soon – after rates come out. We can also consider putting more into the Community Foundation account, but they now have a big minimum deposit of \$25,000 per deposit.
- Our 1099s have been sent out.

- The 990 form has been submitted to the IRS.

Committees

Property – Bob Hunt

- The village has replaced all the fluorescent light bulbs with LED bulbs, as promised.
- The village’s work on the downspouts seems to have helped with the water issue in the basement, at least so far.

Technology – Vicki Profitt

- No report.

Website - Doris Davis-Fritsch

- Updated the Home page for upcoming events.
- In December, we had 954 unique visitors.
- Pages were added for Women Historians.
- Recognition levels updated.

Vice President’s Report – Vicki Profitt

- Tuesday, January 12 Lynda and Ray Skaddan visited the museum for the first time. Lynda is a descendant of the Telford family. Her ancestor, Robert Telford, is a brother of Civil War nurse Mary Jewett Telford’s husband, Jacob Telford.
- Tuesday, January 19 PHS/Library Zoom presentation by Ron Coddington, “Faces of Civil War Nurses” had 78 registered/58 actually attended. The \$40 honorarium was donated to the PHS. Ron’s book, *Faces of Civil War Nurses*, has a chapter dedicated to Mary Jewett Telford, as well as two others with Monroe County connections – Almira Newcomb Fales of Pittsford and Georgianna Willets Stradling of Rochester.
- Michael Keene is doing a prerecorded program, “Abandoned: The Untold Story of the Orphan Trains” on Monday, February 1 at 11:00am. \$25 honorarium to be given.
- The Tuesday, February 16 7:00pm presentation will be on Zoom. Olivia Kim will discuss her Frederick Douglass statues. A \$40 honorarium will be given and will be matched by the library.
- The rest of the programming season will be virtual presentations. Scheduling is in process for March, April and May.
- Museum volunteer Lexy Hearn is researching the possibility of doing a virtual PHS murder mystery in the spring that may be monetized as a special event.
- Suzanne Lee is creating a trivia night to be held on Zoom. We may make this a Sunday afternoon event.
- When the weather is nicer, we hope to have a few outdoor events for members.

Additional information:

- The Thursday get-togethers for museum volunteer on Zoom have begun for 2021:
 1. January 7 was to get reacquainted.
 2. January 21 guest presenter was Tammee Poinan Grimes, captain of the Colonial Belle.

- 3. February 4 guest presenter will be Peter Fadden discussing York State Fruit Co.
- 4. February 18 guest presenter will be Wendy Murray discussing underground railroad.
- The Mushroom House exhibit moved to the Town Hall and the Chester Hutchinson exhibit returned home to the museum. Thanks to Bill Poray for the move and the setup of the new exhibit at the town. The next museum atrium exhibit is to be determined.
- Museum volunteer orientation will be on Zoom Saturday, February 27 at 10:00 am.
- The museum is slated to reopen Saturday, March 6.
- Nancy Slaybaugh and I continue to meet on Tuesday mornings. We are currently clearing out the items in the basement alcove and deciding whether to keep or donate them based on their importance to the PHS mission statement. Future plans involve a remodel of the agriculture exhibit.

Volunteers – John Laurence

- Volunteer training is resuming to prepare for the reopening on March 6.
- Volunteers are working on collecting today's history, including COVID, the lift bridge repairs, and the new apartment buildings in the village. The group is trying to get some contacts at local schools to gather pandemic-related stories and pictures.
- If anyone has any COVID-related stories or pictures to share, email history@perintonhistoricalsociety.org.

Thursday Morning Crew – Lucy McCormick

- Currently not meeting as a group at the museum because of the pandemic.
- Reference Library reorganization and source list have been completed.
- The website is being proofread.

Communications – Jane DeMeis

- Fairport Merchants Association meeting announced the new brochure is out.
- Canal Days is still up in the air for this year due to the pandemic; they are not sure whether they can hold it or not.
- Upcoming programs will be advertised this week on social media.

Membership – Jim Unckless

- While our memberships are down by 95 compared to last year on this date, dues and donations are still slightly higher than that period.
- For a few membership categories, the number of memberships and dues are lower than reported last month because memberships were upgraded to higher categories by additional donations.

Historigram – Jim Unckless

- Karen Unckless single-handedly managed the folding and labeling of this month's newsletter. It went out a bit early.

Old Business

- Private parties policy is on hold due to pandemic
- Program room handicapped access

New Business

- The town has informed us of capacity limits on the pavilion we have rented for our June picnic. The resulting capacity would be less than we usually get. We will look into hosting a ride on the Colonial Belle instead, which would be “outdoor” and would be able to seat the 65 or so attendees we usually get. We would need to get a refund from the town to be able to do it. Vicki will look into chartering the boat. Bill would be willing to give a historical narration for a portion of the ride.
- Vicki has been approached by the Colonial Belle captain about participating in a NY Canal Corporation Grant. To promote tourism along the canal, local vendors would “donate” services, products, or experiences and packages would be created. When people buy them and use them, the vendors can get reimbursed through the grant. We can donate ornaments from the gift shop, which we normally sell for \$10. We have a surplus, so it would help reduce our inventory. If the packages happen, we may need to increase hours and staffing on the weekends on which extra tourists would be directed our way.

Next meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2021 at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

Meeting ended at 7:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Lee, Secretary