



PERINTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

18 PERRIN STREET
FAIRPORT, NEW YORK 14450

Board Meeting Minutes: February 27, 2007

ATTENDING

Alliger, Joan
Barry, William
Jongen, John
Lewis, T.C.
McDonough, Bernadette
McDonough, Peter
Unckless, Jim
Wild, David

NOT ATTENDING

Keeler, William
King, Clark
May, Pat
Ortenberg, Reuben
Thomson, Mary

BOARD MEETINGS

The Board approved without change the minutes of its meeting on January 23, 2007. The **next meeting** is scheduled on Tuesday **March 20, 2007**, 7:00 PM. Board members observed that the museum's basement meeting room temperature was uncomfortably cold. They questioned if this was due to malfunctioning of the thermostat control. Nor was there the customary warm beverage to keep warm; some members donned coats and hats to stay warm. And our meeting time was kept to 1 hour and 20 minute!

LEADERSHIP

Peter McDonough called the meeting to order and asked for and received a unanimous vote to declare a voting quorum.

John Jongen offered Board members an opportunity to serve as Board Secretary to replace him. In the foreseeable future his family responsibilities will be requiring increasing amounts of his time. He has served as Board Secretary for seven years during which time he has produced and distributed more than fifty Board Minutes reports. He offered to any prospective Secretary his transition support.

John will also relinquish his maintenance work on 'Stop 22 Auxiliary Museum', a.k.a. as the Dock Master's Office in the Fairport harbor on the Erie Canal, and he has ended his work on the FHM Gardens. But to honor the memory of Bill Matthews, John will continue his maintenance and landscaping at the **Potter Privy Interpretive Museum** on West Church Street. Call John (330-0310) to discuss the requirements of the Board Secretary position.

But he is not going away ☺ John will retain his elected position as PHS Trustee and Member of the PHS Board of Directors, Chairman of the 2007 House Tour Committee, PHS Webmaster, Website Author and Publisher, and as Producer and Photographer for

PHS/FHM promotions of posters, flyers, catalogs, and press releases. He will continue to provide leadership support for local merchants programs and to the Fairport Village Partnership. He also expects to play a role in the implementation of the impending **PHS Historic Preservation Committee** (formerly The Steeple Group).

Elections

Joan Alliger reminded everyone that the Board Secretary is also responsible for forming the annual PHS Nominating Committee that nominates candidates for Board positions. Pursuant to his constitutional mandate John Jongen, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, formed the committee by asking for, and receiving (again), the support of Jim Unckless and Joan Alliger.

Board members discussed and confirmed their understanding that Clark King had agreed to serve as PHS President in the 2007 fiscal year starting in the fall.

Three Board members are due for re-election: Bill Keeler, Bill Barry and Joan Alliger. By show of hands Bill Barry and Joan Alliger indicated that they accepted their nominations for another three-year term. The Committee now needs the commitments from Bill Keeler and Clark King to be presented to the PHS membership for a vote at its May picnic in Perinton Park.

Several other Board positions remain to be filled, including the Trustee position to be vacated by Clark King. Contact John Jongen with resumes of potential candidates.

MEMBERSHIP PROGRAMS

Bernadette McDonough reports that the February 20th potluck supper and members-only auction at the Perinton Community Center was a lot of fun and added \$116 to our coffers. However the attendance level was a disappointment. Some Board members questioned if this event could have been better attended if we had not restricted it to only members, and if we had not discouraged attendees from bringing desserts. Joan Alliger said that in her experience at similar auctions homemade pies always stimulate a lot of bidding and high returns.

The March 13th event will be a presentation at the Museum by photographer Andy Olenick about his architectural photo-journey through the State of New York.

The House Tour is scheduled on April 29th and the annual membership picnic will be held on May 15th at Perinton Park.

MUSEUM COLLECTION

Board members discussed the possibility of asking our Village of Fairport 'landlord' to take on some of the exterior museum maintenance chores: snow removal of the parking area and driveway to ensure safe handicapped access, and to clear the emergency exits.

Stop 22 requires exterior repairs and paint. While the trolley stop building and its interior remain an adjunct interpretive museum of the Fairport Historical Museum its primary function is as the **Fairport Village Erie Canal Visitors' Information Center**, known as the **Dock Master Office**. The Board affirmed its understanding that Clark King, Fairport Village Mayor Emeritus, has agreed to address these maintenance issues with our Fairport Village Administrator.

Bill Keeler is planning a grand re-opening of the museum on Sunday, March 18, 2007. Joan Alliger is completing the press release to announce the event to the public.

Peter McDonough called Leonard Sayles our benefactor in Florida to tell him that the plaque commemorating his family's contribution to Fairport has been completed. He will let us know when he will be able to visit Fairport to participate in a celebration.

FINANCE

Peter McDonough gave a brief summary of our finance status: \$67K in the Community Fund, etc. Once it is completed the formal report will be made part of this record.

HOUSE TOUR

Peter McDonough let it slip that the Lovejoy Foundation donation to the House Tour Committee of \$1500 was actually a gift from TC Lewis. Thanks you TC, for your vote of confidence! We will not disappoint you or the PHS.

Bill Barry and John Jongen gave updates on the status of House Tour 2007. We have confirmed the required minimum of seven commitments from home owners. Two additional homes are awaiting final confirmation. The catalog/ticket press deadline is in mid-March to meet a deadline of early April for the Historigram membership application insertions and mailing.

Pat May will return about March 10th and will be asked to coordinate the distribution of tickets to the Fairport merchants. The closing event has been scheduled at the DeLand Green Lantern from 4:00 – 6:00 PM.

The oilcloth banners are at the printer for necessary changes. We are experiencing some frustration in communicating with the 'new' Messenger Post. But Bill Barry is on the case.

The souvenir keepsake brochure of the Oral History of West Church Street "*West Street, Fairport: Then and Now*" has been completed and is ready to be distributed to the residents of West Church Street. It is a token of our appreciation to the West Street neighbors, and commemorates the 2007 PHS Historic House Tour.

The West Street Neighbors coffee hour on Sunday, February 4th succeeded in that it got three of the home owners to decide to show their homes. We provided a tray of cookies and the coffee.

There were some suggestions and discussion about how to thank the home owners for their hospitality. We will consider some of these suggestions as we go forward.

NEW BUSINESS

Peter McDonough had a suggestion to attract new members to PHS: an 'antiques club'. After brief discussion it was decided to table the idea for now until we have had a chance to brainstorm on what other activities PHS is able to sponsor, given our Mission, and our limited volunteer resources.

Respectfully submitted by John Jongen, February 28, 2007.