



PERINTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

18 PERRIN STREET
FAIRPORT, NEW YORK 14450

Board Meeting Minutes: March 20, 2007

ATTENDING

Alliger, Joan
Barry, William
Jongen, John
King, Clark
Lewis, T.C.
May, Pat
Stewart, Barbara
Thomson, Mary
Unckless, Jim
Wild, David

NOT ATTENDING

Keeler, William
McDonough, Bernadette
McDonough, Peter
Ortenberg, Reuben

BOARD MEETINGS

The Board approved with one change the minutes of its meeting on January 23, 2007. Jim Unckless pointed out that the Board had only discussed but not agreed to increase the size of the Board. The **next meeting** is scheduled on Tues **April 17, 2007, 7:00 PM.**

LEADERSHIP

Clark King called the meeting to order and asked for and received a unanimous vote to declare a voting quorum. He introduced our guest Barbara Stewart life-long resident of West Church Street. Barbara, citing her credentials as an entertainer, educator and published writer asked to be considered for a position on the PHS Board, possibly as PHS President, in case Clark King could not accept the position. She stated her vision of becoming more active in exposing our youth earlier in their lives to our history and museum experience.

During discussion Clark King indicated that he indeed wants the position of PHS President but welcomes the opportunity to work with talented and enthusiastic members like Barbara Stewart. Jim Unckless pointed out that unless we have a resignation on the Board the current eleven Board members are the full complement allowed by our by-laws. Peter McDonough had suggested at earlier Board meetings that we expand the Board to attract additional, younger members. That discussion has been tabled for now.

Nominations have been agreed to by Bill Keeler, Museum Director, Bill Barry, Trustee, Joan Alliger, Trustee and Clark King, President. They will be presented for a vote to the PHS membership at its May picnic at Perinton Park.

Clark King announced that we received a certificate and letter of appreciation from co-chairs John & Linda Murphy and John & Midge Pomeroy of the Fairport High School

Senior BASH 2007 for our financial support. The event's goal is to keep Fairport seniors drug and alcohol-free throughout the 'excitement' of their graduation.

MEMBERSHIP PROGRAMS

About seventy people attended the program on 'Architectural Legacy of New York State' on March 13th. The authors reported brisker than expected book sales (17 copies) and waived their speaker's stipend. May Thomson asked that speakers be told about the amount promised to a speaker in advance to avoid possible embarrassment after the event.

MUSEUM

Bill Keeler reports in abstentia: "I am extremely pleased with the turn-out and response of 57+ attended the Open House last Sunday. I have given tours to two scout groups and have one more to go. The budget the board passed last September means we will be getting summer hours. I have met with two Northside teachers and they will be coming up with a 4th grade activity in the museum (90 children). I am meeting with other 4th grade teachers on two dates Jean Keplinger and retired teachers, to create another 4th grade program for the other schools. I will be working on a budget for next year which will include \$300 to \$400 in lumber to create storage space in the attic which is now needed since removing many items from the exhibit space. May Thomson is looking into whether we need to submit a 990 form to the IRS because of our added revenue (Sayles money). We must average less than \$25,000 in income over the last 3 years. I will be doing Canal Days again this year and am beginning to organize now. Historigram deadlines are being moved up a week or two because we missed a deadline last month and had to send first class. Deadline now is the second week in April. I will be working with Art Wilson to reseed the front and back lawn this spring. I have met with the village and heard from the landlord about the barn in our driveway and am assured it will be taken care of when the weather breaks" Clark King confirmed that he and his pre-cautious grand-daughter had a wonderful time at the open house event. He will ask his grand-daughter to compose a little testimonial about the event.

Bill Keeler gave John Jongen a 1920s map of Monroe County to donate to the Fairport Baptist Church Restoration Benefit Auction on March 24th.

Clark King reports that Ken Moore, Village Supervisor, has agreed to insure the Museum building and grounds, not including the collection, under the general Village insurance policy. Stop 22 will be repaired and repainted. Funds for this are in the annual Village budget allocation of \$2000. "While we are at it" May Thomson suggested that we should also paint the front entrance door. John Jongen asked about snow removal and Clark said that he believed that that is included as well. Pat May suggested that she would ask Bob Ruhland at the Merchants Assoc meeting if he can suggest some Eagle Scout project to maintain the Museum entry gardens.

FINANCE

May Thomson presented a summary of our financial position totaling \$85,745. It includes RACF (Community Fund) \$67,767, CDs \$8,625, Grants \$2,138, Money Market \$6,152, and Demand Deposit \$1,062.

HOUSE TOUR

Bill Barry and John Jongen gave updates on the status of House Tour 2007. We now have commitments from seven home owners on West Street. Advertising copy has been completed and the banner is being changed. The ticket/catalog is in final draft form and ready for the printer. Based on the previous print run of house tour catalogs we decided to print 600 copies for the upcoming tour.

Joan Alliger gave a detailed report of the press release schedule across a number of publications. John Jongen and Pat May will attend the monthly FPMA meeting on Tue 3/27 to solicit Fairport merchants who may want to sell house tour tickets, and perhaps even join the PHS personally.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Fairport Baptist Church is sponsoring a Celebrity Auction with celebrity auctioneers Louise Slaughter, Frits May, Clark King, and professional auctioneer Mike Bruce on Saturday, March 24th at the Green Lantern. All proceeds will go to the FBC Restoration Fund. Donations are still being accepted.

Jim Unckless gave an update of the status of the impending Fairport Historic Preservation ordinance. The final draft of the committee's report is delayed for deliberation of an option for funding NY State certification.

Clark King relayed a proposal from Peter McDonough that we ask Phil Yawman, a respected local business advisor, to facilitate a Board meeting discussion to re-define or fine-tune the PHS mission, vision and objectives. From that directive would flow policies and procedures that would more effectively deal with contentious community issues like the role of PHS in Fairport's historic preservation. Bill Barry observed that PHS official silence about the 'four corners' development issues, for example, is a de-facto position just the same.

John Jongen proposed that we re-design our membership application to include our mission statement, and space to enter an email address and the choice of receiving the Historigram via email. He passed around a draft application. Since our mission statement may change the redesign has been tabled for now.



Respectfully submitted by John Jongen, March 28, 2007.