

The Board of the Litchfield Historical Society met at the Museum March 9, 2017.

Present: Mr. Reardon, presiding; Mmes. Brickley, Doty, Furniss, Hinkel, Rahilly; Messers: Quay, Sherman, Vermilyea, Wacker: *Absent:* Blazier, Copeland, LaGattuta, Macomber, Newton, Roraback; Mrs. Fields by invitation.

The President called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

The Minutes of the February 16, 2017 were approved and accepted as submitted on a motion by Mr. Sherman, seconded by Mrs. Furniss.

The President presented the income and expenses summary in the absence of the Treasurer. [copy attached] The report was accepted on a motion by Mr. Sherman, seconded by Mrs. Rahilly.

President's Report Mr. Reardon

The proposed officers to be nominated at the Annual Meeting next month are:

President	Jane Hinkel
Treasurer	Richard Quay
Secretary	Lynne Brickley

Nominations Committee Report Mrs. Hinkel

- The proposed nominees for the Board to be voted upon at the Annual Meeting are:
 Matt Terzian
 Carol Jones
- Two additional nominees will be proposed. Mrs. Hinkel will email the Board prior to the meeting.

Director's Report Mrs. Fields

- The Self-Study of the LHS for the accreditation process will be submitted before March 1st. Once approved, the LHS will be given 12 possible names for a 2-person, 2-day onsite visitation, to be scheduled between July 15 and August 30th, 2017. The Board and some volunteers will take part in the meeting.
- The Director attended Advocacy Day in Washington, DC, meeting with aids of Senators Blumenthal and Murphy, Congresswoman Esty and other CT representatives. A presentation was made on the implications of budget cuts to the NEA, NEH and the IMLS.
- The Director will continue to send the Board emails of advocacy alerts.
- May 11th, at 6:30 PM the NEH- sponsored Community Round Table Meeting, "Growing Up in Litchfield," led by Rachel Carley, will be held at the Museum.
- June 3rd the "Digitization Day" will be held for the community to bring in items to be photographed for the museum's digital records.
- In the fall the LHS will do a community program on farms and farming in Litchfield.
- The LHS website is being updated technically to make it easier for staff to make changes and to be used on mobile devices.

- The State funds to catalog books held by the LHS a project for the last 5 or so years has been cut. LHS will move our library catalog to Bibliomation, a service used by many CT libraries including OWL. The funds to belong will now be covered by a small increase in the Technical Budget line.
- Plans to replace the lighting at the TR House with LED fixtures will cost \$18,000. The project will be funded by the Seherr-Thoss Foundation Maintenance Grant
- Mrs. Fields will send pdf copies of the education plan for the TR Garden Children's Garden by Marilyn Smith and Kate Zullo.
- The Annual Meeting of the LHS will be held at the museum on Friday, April 21st at 5:00 PM, followed by the opening of the LFA Exhibit.

Collections Committee Report

Mr. LaGattuta

- A second vote was passed to deaccession the paneling and the piano, on a motion by Mrs. Hinkel, seconded by Mr. Quay.
- Bob Doyle donated some things from Crutch and MacDonald's and Art Webster's family donated items from the old Arethusa Farm.

Education Task Force

Mr. Vermilyea

- The Task Force, Mr. Vermilyea, Mrs. Fields and Kate Zullo, met with 5 educators to hear what suggestions they had for programs. They want to explore how to include work on the LHS collections in doing their lesson plans.
- The group will meet again in April.

Art Show Fund Raiser

Mrs. Furniss

- Fifty artists have signed up to submit pieces for silent auction and will be given one free ticket each. Bids will start at \$50.

New Business

Mrs. Fields

- While in Washington last month, the Director visited an exhibit at the Supreme Court Historical Society which discusses Tapping Reeve as the first law school in America.

There being no Old Business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne Brickley,
Secretary