

Minutes of the February 8, 2018 Meeting of the Board of the Litchfield Historical Society

Present: Mrs. Hinkel, presiding; *Mmes.* Furniss, Honan, Jones, Rahilly; *Messers.* LaGattuta, Newton, Quay, Reardon, Roraback, Terzian, Vermilyea; *Absent:* Blazier, Brickley, Budney, Copeland, Sherman, Wacker.

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

Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Newton and seconded by Mr. LaGattuta to approve and accept the minutes of the January 11, 2018 meeting. The motion passed.

Financial Report

Mr. Quay

- Mr. Quay presented the financial statement for January 2018. We are only one month into the year, but we are on track.

President's Report

Mrs. Hinkel

- Mrs. Blazier is in Florida for the winter, but she has offered to write notes to prospective members.
- Hinkel thanked the finance committee for their work. Thanking John Copeland who for his insight and valuable participation from afar, Mark Macomber for his work as chair and Richard Quay for his work as treasurer.
- Megan is still working on the website and is very excited about the new look and functionality.
- Mrs. Hinkel has met with Matt Terzian and Jeffery Wacker on the sponsorship committee. The committee will start locally, building on one-on-one relationships. They will work to secure sponsorships for the fall fundraiser.

Directors Report – Mrs. Fields

- William Grimes movie screening was an amazing event. We have had amazing positive feedback. Mrs. Fields thanked the board for their support of the event.
- The Fire Marshall has required some alterations in the Tapping Reeve apartment and video room. We have to add two fire doors and surrounds. Mrs. Fields is working on Burlington Constriction to facilitate the project. We will be able to use funds form the Seherr-Thoss Foundation to pay for the project.
- We have applied for a \$5000 grant from CT Humanities for the Litchfield Female Academy exhibition. Our chances of receiving the grant are quite good.
- Jeffrey Tillou is selling the furniture collection of Ann smith and her husband Joel Finn. Ann was the guest curator for our Litchfield County furniture show a few years ago. Joel passed away last year and Ann has moved to South Carolina. Jeffrey is interested in hosting some type of fundraising event to benefit LHS around the sale. Cathy will meet with him to find out more detail.

- The renovations in the Spencer Gallery are moving forward. The new walls are in place and will be painted next week.

Committee/Task Force Reports

Events – Mrs. Furniss

- Mrs. Furniss reported on events coming up this year. She and her committee will work on logistics for these events.
 - April 6 – Donor preview party for new exhibits
 - April 13 – annual meeting and public opening
 - May 18th – Donor party in Reeve garden
 - September 15th – Annual fundraiser in the Reeve Garden. This event will likely be a Bar-B-Q under tents. We will feature beer tastings and a silent auction.
- Other events of note include
 - May 20 – Family Day in the Garden
 - September 29 – Apple Festival in Reeve Garden

Governance – Mrs. Honan

- Mrs. Honan reported that Nat Worden has agreed to join the board in April. Nat works at Ericson Insurance and lives in Litchfield (and is John Newton son-in-law). He will be a terrific addition to the board.
- We are working with the CT Community Foundation to plan a board workshop for later in the spring.

Tapping Reeve – Mr. Roraback

- The committee continues to meet at 8am the fourth Thursday of the month @the corner.
- Cathy has received a proposal from Gibson Design in Charlottesville to design a guidebook for the Reeve house in the same format as one they did for Monticello. Gibson designed the Ledger and is working on the new website. The estimate for design is \$9500 and printing will be approximately another \$6-8,000. The Tapping Reeve Committee has pledge funds to get the design started. The board approved moving forward with the book.
- Andrew is working with the CT Bar Foundation to plan an event at the Reeve site. Details are yet to be worked out but they have expressed interest.

There being no additional old or new business, the President adjourned the meeting at 6:05PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Fields