

Falmouth Historical Society Board Meeting  
Russell Room, Falmouth Memorial Library  
December 6, 2016

Members present: President, Jeanne Madden; Secretary, Betsy Jo Whitcomb; and Board members: Rich Meserve, Suzanne and David Farnham, Ann Gagnon, Erin Cadigan, and Ron Scorsone.

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM by President, Jeanne Madden.

Jeanne made several announcements including:

- After the annual meeting, there was an anonymous donation received for \$1000 to be used toward a new sign. Efforts will be made to identify the donor and thank them.
- The Quick Books are up to date with a balance in the checking account of around \$2100.
- The membership list is being updated.
- Jeanne will be out for the month of January due to a medical situation. The Board will be working on restructuring to handle this.

Ron will consider taking a leadership role with the help of the other members of the Board.

There was a discussion of the need to set goals and then send out a letter to thank supporters. Other goals are to sustain the physical plant, be open to the public, and partner with the Tercentennial Committee.

Jeanne said she was working on Federal Tax forms and had some confusion about them. She will look at them again and will go over them and Quick Books with Ron and Dave.

Rich announced that his daughter and her friends in the National Honor Society would like to do their community service project with the Historical Society. It was decided that a good project for them might be to input the inventory at the museum into our database. This will be discussed with them.

The books that we sold in conjunction with the Library book sale gave us \$23 for our treasury.

Rich also announced that the Boy Scouts will help with some repairs at the museum-specifically we are in need of having railings replaced to the outside stairs and non-skid surfaces put on the stairs. Betsy also suggested looking at the hole in the upstairs outside wall and see if that could be closed in.

Jeanne said that it would be nice to do something in memory of recently deceased member Mayer Fistal. She suggested setting up a Memorial Fund. This will be looked into.

There was a discussion of the hours the museum is open and how they are so limited that we need to expand them. Erin said she was available on Monday from 11-3; Ann and Betsy will still be available on Tuesday from 9-12. Ron and Suzanne are available Tuesday afternoon from 12-3. There are a couple of new people who also have expressed interest in helping and Betsy will work on a schedule to start in January.

The Board will work on putting together a membership drive in January.

The next meeting will be **at the Mason-Motz Building on Lunt Rd. Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at 6:30 PM in Classroom #1.**

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Jo Whitcomb, Secretary