

Falmouth Historical Society  
Board Meeting  
Falmouth Memorial Library  
March 10, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 PM by Vice President, Jeanne Madden.

Those present were: Vice President, Jeanne Madden, Secretary, Betsy Jo Whitcomb, Directors: Ann Gagnon, Beverley Knudsen, Janice Delima, Colleen Donovan; and Membership Chair, Carol Kauffman. Those absent: President, Scott McLeod and Directors: Barbara McLeod, Mary Ellen Tetreau, and Mark Stevanovic.

The Secretary's report was read and accepted. It will be placed on file.

There was no Treasurer's report.

Carol Kauffman reported that the Whipple Farm House Bistro is now under new management and they want to work with the Falmouth Historical Society to have some of our historical artifacts displayed downstairs. She and a few of the society members will meet and decide what is appropriate. A loan agreement will be made out and signed by Ocean View.

Janice reported on the Program Committee's choices of programs for the upcoming 2015 year.

- April 21<sup>st</sup> will be Donna Lee with a comedic talk about collecting items for the Lions Club auction.
- July 12<sup>th</sup> will be the Library Sundae with a vintage baseball game. The Historical Society is invited to sell popcorn at the game.
- September 26<sup>th</sup> is our Harvest Fest and Colleen will do an antiques appraisal.
- October 12<sup>th</sup> is our annual meeting and Christina Skillin will do a talk on theater costumes.
- December 5<sup>th</sup> will be a program featuring the Flukes and bellringers at Ocean View.

Carol reminded us in discussing other program suggestions that 2016 is our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the Whipple Farm House 260<sup>th</sup> anniversary and perhaps a program can be built around that theme.

Next there was a discussion of the Strategic Planning Session with Erin Bishop to be held April 25<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM-2 PM. A list was made of those to be invited beside the Board and we also talked about serving a lunch of sandwiches, drinks, and dessert. Several offered to help with food.

There was a discussion was on the March newsletter. Jeanne has some articles ready to go.

There was finally a discussion about the frustration felt by all Board members with the slow progress the society seems to be making and the cancellation of some activities that has taken place this past year. It was decided that there had been a communication problem and the members admitted they had not stepped up to the plate as much as they should have to help out. There will general agreement that the society was important to all of us and we want to improve and move forward. There will be more discussion on this topic in the near future.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Jo Whitcomb, Secretary