

Orange Historical Commission
Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 6, 2018 7:00pm

Present: Sharon Proulx, Bob Proulx, Albert Emerson, Gary Hamel, Tamara Fairbank

Financial Report: Sharon reports no change in balance which stands at \$8498.58.

Approval of meeting minutes:

April 9, 2018 minutes- Gary motioned to approve; Albert seconded motion.
May 14, 2018 minutes- Bob motioned to approve; Albert seconded motion.
June 4, 2018 minutes- Bob motioned to approve; Albert seconded motion.

Report on assignments:

Historian report- Gary reported that he addressed 3 inquiries related to genealogy:

1. Clough family descendant was present at the July 4th Civil War Veteran dedication and received copies of notes and documents Gary had collected.
2. Carolyn Grass from Rumney sent a letter requesting assistance with family research only to discover her family did not reside in Orange.
3. Fran Hackett of Lebanon Historical Society, has done research on Moses Hale (Civil War Vet honored July 4th) and has offered to share records. Gary asks Fran about fundraising for the efforts to honor all the Civil War Vets of Lebanon. She recognized Ricker funeral home for providing the stones.

Celebration Planning:

Gary has fielded phone calls asking about celebration calendar of events.

Bob will send a town wide postcard mailing to invite residents to a round table discussion to get events identified by interested parties. Goal is to find a lead for each event who will, in turn, recruit a team. Some ideas:

Night of music
Birthday Party at Town Meeting
Contra dance
Nathan Waldo play combined with monument dedication
Potluck with historical display
Pig roast at Stacy's with ice cream social at the one room school house with a talk by Steve Taylor
Christmas party

Gary would like to have a history theme to the Christmas part. The Christmas party committee, aka Critter tales team would like to e-publish the 1st book ever written and shared at the Christmas party.

Need to whittle down the events.

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Book update- Gary shared he is writing 30-45 minutes each day. Focusing on fluidity. Reading the play aloud for timing and transitional points. Limit of one book of 2 volume set. 1st volume for the 2019 will go through Civil War period.

Adjourned 8:00pm

Next meeting: 9/10/18 7pm