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Chebeague Historical Society
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
August 19, 2024

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Chebeague Historical Society was held on this date via Zoom.

Trustees Present: Beth McNulty (President), Gretchen Tonks Hartling (Vice President), Jill Whitman Marsee (Secretary), Ted Ballard (Treasurer), Phyllis Brunner, Bill Danielson, Jeff Drew, Ehrhardt Groothoff, David Hill, Mary Holt, Corie Meehan, Kate Nyhan, Jackie Trask

Trustees Absent: Evin Erder, Chris Landry,

Staff Present: Beth Weiss

Beth McNulty, President, called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm EST.

Minutes

Motion made, seconded, and voted to approve the minutes (with corrections) of the July 15, 2024 Board meeting.

President's Report

Beth gave her report:

Introduction of Beth Weiss

- Beth McNulty introduced Beth Weiss, the new Administrative Coordinator. She said that Beth W. has jumped in with both feet and has been very busy with the House Tour, learning Past Perfect, and general running of the building. Beth W. attended this meeting so that all could meet her and because in the future she be reporting on different building issues, volunteers, committee information and procedures. Beth W. was warmly welcomed!

House Tour

- Beth M. reported that it was a fantastic day! People were very happy to have the return of the house tour and everything ran smoothly. Significant positive feedback was received, along with suggestions of things to improve. Overall, this was a very big fundraiser for us.
- We have not received all our Sponsorship payments yet, but about \$20,000 was made in commitments from individuals, island vendors, and contractors. A huge thank you to Phyllis Brunner, Ted Ballard and Stacie Webb for taking this on.
 - 62 total sponsors: 29 business - \$12,250, 25 individuals - \$6200 from the Board, \$2000 from others, 8 in-kind
 - 14 people donated baked goods; Ted Ballard rounded up the beverages
- A record number of tickets were sold (253), helping to raise an additional \$9,000.00
- As people came through the refreshments, there were many positive comments about the Houe Tour and people were very happy to have sweets.

Committee Reports

Nominating Committee

- Elizabeth Murphy-Lewis approached Beth and said that she is very interested in joining the board. She has been an island resident for several years, served on the Board for Kids Place, and is a social worker and counselor in Portland. She represents the next generation.
- **Motion** made, seconded, and voted to invite Elizabeth Murphy-Lewis to join the Board.

Finance Committee

- Gretchen shared a document that has the statement of activity for the Permanente Exhibit. This information comes out of our accounting system, QuickBooks.

- This report shows a negative \$10,000, but it does not reflect the \$6500 Recompense grant that was during a previous reporting period. Thus, the exhibit cost \$3500 from our funds.
- This is a small cost for an amazing exhibit! The feedback has been extremely positive, with visitors from elsewhere (other historical societies) coming to see what has been done.

Old Business

- Chedemption
 - Chedemption week for CIHS is August 21-26. There are still open slots:
 - Saturday 9-11 am, 11 am – 1:30 (Jeff Drew to cover), and 1:30-3 pm
- Schedule reminders
 - Lectures:
 - August 26, Toby Webb – in person only at the Island Hall, but it will be recorded and available on the website
 - September 23, Nick Wessell – in person only at the Island Hall, but it will be recorded and available on the website
 - October, Arthur R. Clausnitzer (Archeologist) – Zoom only
 - The 43 Degrees North Movie Screening hosted by CIHS will be Saturday August 24 at 6 pm in the Island Hall.
 - It is a film by Eric Norcross filmed in and around Casco Bay. Many scenes in the movie are from Chebeague along with our own Mary Holt, playing a caretaker.
 - It was well received on Peaks, Cliff, and Long

New Business

Mary Holt brought up 2 items to consider for the museum and shop:

- The possible sale of Martha Hamilton maps and placements. She will find out if this is something that the Museum Shop wants to sell and/or if Ladies Aid is selling them.
- Mary and John have a Nellie Hill Hamilton painting of a lobster dinner they that want to donate.
 - It will need some conserving which might cost several thousand dollars. Mary will investigate the costs.
 - She thinks that it would make a great giclee to sell as prints, cards, apron...!

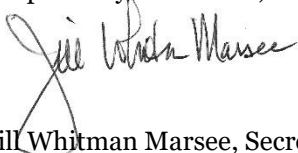
Mary suggested a possible fundraiser. This would be a road tour to northeast Maine, perhaps next fall. Possible places to go are: Northeast Historic Film and Alamo Theater, Penobscot Narrows Bridge, Fort Knox Historic Site, Sipayik Museum, Campobello, The Maine Sculpture Trail.

There were no additional issues from the board.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

The next Board meeting will be held at 7 pm on Monday September 16, 2024, via Zoom.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jill Whitman Marsee, Secretary