

Town of Franklin, Massachusetts

Historical Commission

Meeting Minutes – February 13, 2018

Commissioners Present: Phyllis Malcolm, Connie Lawson, Richard Remillard, Mary Olsson.

Associate Members Present: Kai Olsson

Absent: Bob Percy, Jeremy Ball, Colette Ferguson

Visiting: Paul Pisani

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes from the January 9th meeting approved as amended.

B. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS – None

C. APPOINTMENTS – None

D. PRESENTATIONS – None

E. DEMOLITION REQUESTS – None

F. FRIENDS OF THE FRANKLIN HISTORICAL MUSEUM (FFHM) – no members present to give update

G. DISCUSSION /VOTE – None

H. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Treasurer's Report (Phyllis Malcolm) - We have spent about \$1400 of our \$6000 budget. Mary advised that the 2018/2019 budget is being re-worked, to be submitted this week.

I. EVENTS –

- a. The first of the Second Sunday Speaker Series was held this past Sunday 2/11. Paul Compton and Alan Earls drew a large crowd of about 60 for the interesting and entertaining presentation on Saving Franklin from the Wrecking Ball.
- b. The next events on the schedule are:
 - i. 3/3 - The Town's 240th Birthday Party. 80 invitations have been mailed out. We will need to get the \$100 cash drawing prize from the Friends.
 - ii. 3/8 - Cultural Council Grantee Reception – Mary working with Stacey David
 - iii. 3/11 – Second Sunday Speaker Series #2 with Alan Earls, discussing the Blizzard of '78

J. OLD BUSINESS

- a. New Logo for Museum – on hold to hear from Jeremy
- b. Second Sunday Speaker Series – Mary working on booking speakers for June, July, August, and December. She has reached out to Tri-County for a speaker on Wedding Cakes during the Bridal Gown exhibit. Also looking for a speaker on wedding traditions and wedding fashions.
- c. Sign for the former Horace Mann School location – no update
- d. Record of Street Names and how they were named – Research project, do we want to pursue?
- e. Donation of Trowbridge Piano – The museum accepted the donation of a piano, but it is in rough shape. Jim Ialeggio of Grand Piano Solutions will come out to assess the piano Thursday morning, 2/15. A vote was taken to approve a \$175 consult fee for the assessment. Kai is available to meet with Mr. Ialeggio.
- f. Application for Collections Assessment Program (CAP) submitted 1/31. We should hear back from them on our status by 3/1.
- g. Museum website – still a work in progress, the goal is to get the new site launched as soon as possible. Mary and Bob working on this.
- h. Digital Commonwealth scanning – nothing new (will need update from Bob)
- i. Proposed change to demo delay bylaw – nothing new (will need update from Jeremy)

- j. Little League Baseball display – Elaine Costello and Mary will be working to get this up in early April.

K. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Town Birthday Party at the Black Box Friday 2/16. Mary will represent the museum at the event. Postcards with museum hours and Horace Mann pamphlets will be available as takeaways. The remaining calendars will be available for sale. There will be photos, trophies, yearbooks, and a copy of one of the bound Franklin Register Newspapers as part of our display.

L. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

- a. Connie asked about instructions for the iC4K. Mary had been told that there would be YouTube videos made regarding instructions. Mary to follow-up with Almont Green.
- b. Connie also asked if we had scheduled another Historical Huddle. There is not one scheduled at this time, but we could try to line one up for the fall. Mary asked for a volunteer from the commission to organize this.
- c. Remi mentioned that the guy from Scott's Relocation (from Mendon), who moved the Trowbridge Piano, was very impressed with our museum. He offered to do our next move, if needed, for free.
- d. Kai suggested we might want to get additional chairs since two of our recent events were SRO. We also need to purchase rubber stoppers for the bottom chairs that are missing them, to protect the hardwood floor.
- e. Mary went over the nearly \$3,000 in funding approved by the Friends at their January 14th meeting. The Commission is grateful to the FFHM for their support. It will be noted in any publicity for items that are on the list that the Friends sponsored the event.
- f. Bob and Mary met with Jeff Nutting and Jamie Hellen to review the budget. Final budget due the week of 2/19.
- g. The Franklin Cultural Council held their Roundtable event at the museum on 2/1, it was well attended. The topic of discussion was organizing Cultural Districts and ArtWeek.
- h. Brian Lyra from HistoryView gave another presentation on the VR3D Museum Tour to Mary, Kai, and Jamie Hellen on 2/5. Jamie was very enthusiastic. Approved payment of \$700 invoice out of Commission budget, and said the town would try to work with Brian on future projects. Invoice submitted to Phyllis for payment.
- i. Mary met with Marco Brancato, Deputy Director of Facilities, on 2/7 to discuss signage, tables, shelving, a library ladder, and hanging large items in the museum. A new sign has been procured from Signs by Cam. Marco also agreed to fund a banner for the Bridal Gown Exhibit to hang between the pillars out front this summer. Two folding tables have been delivered. We will discuss shelving again at a future date. Marco will get a quote for a library ladder.
- j. Mary and Bob met with Anthony Menna from the Technology department regarding new scanners and a printer upgrade. It was suggested/decided networking the printer in the library would be greatly beneficial. He will discuss his recommendations with Tim Rapozza who was unable to attend the meeting.
- k. We have received beautifully bound copies of the Franklin Register Newspapers from the 1870s. They were done by NEDCC as part of the Library project. Digital copies will be available as well.
- l. At the next meeting Mary will provide a list of subcommittees and responsibilities for each and asks that each member of the commission join at least one subcommittee in an effort to spread out the workload.

M. ADJOURN – There being no further business, there was a 4-0 vote to adjourn at 7:45PM