

Town of Franklin, Massachusetts Historical Commission

Meeting Minutes – March 16, 2017, 6:30 PM

Commissioners Present: Jeremy Ball, Colette Ferguson, Connie Lawson, Phyllis Malcolm, Mary Olsson, Bob Percy, Richard Remillard

Absent: None

Visiting: Kai Olsson, Paula Vozzella

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - None presented. Feb and March to be approved at the next meeting.

B. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS - None.

C. APPOINTMENTS - None.

D. PRESENTATIONS - None.

E. DEMOLITION REQUESTS - None. Mary will investigate demolition plans, if any, for the former Thompson Press building.

F. FRIENDS OF THE FRANKLIN HISTORICAL MUSEUM (FFHM) - Paula V.

1. Susan E. has resigned from FFHM.
2. FFHM will discuss supporting the iC4K display screen at their next meeting in April.
3. Have ~\$8700. from donations and gift shop proceeds.
4. Colette suggested a way to display the calendar of events in the Museum's lobby.

G. DISCUSSION/VOTE - None.

H. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

1. PastPerfect Getting Started Guide (Bob) - Still making progress.
2. Treasurer's Report (Phyllis) - \$286. remaining in the Commission's account. We discussed current needs, including acid free paper for use in box storage.

I. EVENTS

(For recaps, see OLD BUSINESS)

1. Discussed events in general, and proposed upcoming speakers.
2. Mary handed out the current event schedule.
3. For Horace Mann statue dedication
 - FFHM will sell mugs
 - Mary suggested the Museum provide Horace Mann postcards (4, each w. a different quote)
4. Hats exhibit - Paula and Susan E. may team up to work on this, perhaps for Sept.
5. Connie will ask Historic New England about a speaker to appear during the wedding dress display
6. Maureen Taylor and Karen A. will speak on wedding attire
7. Discussed FFHM funding for speakers

J. OLD BUSINESS

1. National Register signs for the downtown - in progress. Jeremy is working with Stacy from the Franklin Cultural Council.
2. Franklin Cultural Council awards (at the Museum, 3/23). Almost Green's iC4K display screen will have newly arrived for this occasion.
3. Eagle Scout Project - Sal Backus continues work on this.
4. (recap) Susan Elliot's Black History Month display - well received, brought people in.
5. (recap) Town's Birthday celebration (Mar 5th) - well attended

6. Shelving for upstairs room - Remy is working with John Rondeau about this.
7. Shelving for downstairs - same.
8. Proposed change to Demolition By-law - Bob will send out the latest info he has on this, so we can get this signed and submitted to the town council.
9. Native American Corner - Remy suggested repairing the finish on the (display floor) Trowbridge piano. Display case contents need some attention.
10. 2017 Museum Calendars - some are still available.

K. NEW BUSINESS

1. Franklin Cultural Council - Stacy wants to raise awareness of budget cuts.
2. Franklin Cultural Festival - this will be the 3rd annual festival
3. iC4K - do we need add'l insurance for it? Likely not, Mary will check.
4. Horace Mann statue dedication - looking forward to that day's foot traffic
5. Phyllis reminded us to respond to Chris's invitation to the Historical Huddle in Plainville.

L. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS - None

M. ADJOURN - Voted 7-0 to adjourn.