

Howland Stone Store Museum, Sherwood, NY
Annual Meeting
May 23, 2021

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The annual meeting was held via Zoom conference call. The meeting was called to order by President Guy Garnsey at 7:05 pm.

PRESENT Trustees present were Larry Bell, Jackie Dickinson, Guy Garnsey, Marilyn Post, Jamien Shea, Andy Simkin, Karen Speck, and Susan Weisend. Other members present were Kathie Garnsey, Paul and Jane Simkin, Linda Simkin, Jim Frisch, Bill Schmitt, Roger Post, Sally and Dill Otis, Ann Wiley, Trudy and Ron Buxenbaum, Andrea Rankin, John Yurco and Sharon Ross. A quorum was present.

OPENING REMARKS Guy introduced present trustees and remembered those who served ten years or more, including Pat White, who served 15 years, and Dot Wiggans, who served 14 years. Despite the pandemic, there were many accomplishments in the past year including: the creation of the historian position; the new mission statement; the Sherwood Players skit; the new website; and the pending admission of Emily Howland to the Women's Hall of Fame.

MINUTES (Larry) **Motion** to waive the reading of and approve the minutes from the June 7, 2020 annual meeting. **Motion made, seconded and carried.**

TREASURER (Jackie) Finances are stable and healthy. Assets have grown year over year from 2019. Opendore is fully funded through phase IV. The **attached** 2020 treasurer's report was accepted. **Motion made, seconded and carried.**

COLLECTIONS (Marilyn) Posters and other important archival items were digitized by Wells College and placed onto the Heritage New York website thanks to a grant. The archives are gradually being moved to Opendore after a thorough cleaning. The Cabinet of Curiosities work continues. Items were loaned to the Constitution Center and to Seward House.

EDUCATION (Karen) The pandemic limited visitation in 2020. The docent list is being expanded. Exhibits are being prepared at Opendore for the grand opening.

PROGRAMS (Marilyn) Thanks to those who made the virtual programs possible.

FACILITIES (Guy) Focus has been on Opendore. Archive room is functional, second floor is virtually complete, first floor is not far behind. Kitchen cabinets, stairway, and fireplace mantles are main items left. Flowers have been planted, and the site for the Centennial +1 tent pad is being prepared. Volunteers have donated 10,000 hours since 2016. The lift, security system and fire alarm are operational.

FINANCE (Andy) The committee oversees the endowment, prepares the budget, reviews Opendore assets and liabilities, maintains oversight of the finances of the organization.

MEMBERSHIP (Karen) There are 140 members to date (2021). Membership cards will be prepared with new logo.

MERCHANDISE (Jackie) Thanks to the website, merchandise is being sold all over the country. New booklets and postcards of the posters were printed, in addition to the existing merchandise.

FUNDRAISING (Larry) We are grateful for funding from:

- a) Pomeroy Foundation for a forthcoming Pomeroy suffrage sign at Opendore
- b) Delavan Foundation for educational displays at Opendore including a logo design
- c) GHHN/NYSCA for a consultation on the technological needs of the collection database.
- d) The Preservation League of NY for a cultural landscape report and site design for Opendore.
- e) DHPS/NY for a virtual preservation survey of the archival collection
- f) Metcalf Foundation for window shades to protect the collection from U/V damage
- g) Home Depot for crown molding for the entry hall.

HISTORIAN (Larry)

- a) Answered historical queries as they arose.
- b) Moved and organized historical files from the Stone Store.
- c) Supervised our Wells intern, Jacob Shaffer for 80 hours.
- d) Assisted Kim Sajet researching her PhD dissertation on the Emily Howland photo album.
- e) Assisted Jeanie Gleisner researching the Opendore Historical Cultural Landscape report.
- f) Discovered various in-house publications that are being published and printed in-house.

TECHNOLOGY (Larry) The website is up and running. WiFi was installed at Opendore, professional expertise contributed by Mike Davis. After extensive research, a laptop has been purchased for database entry. An older iMac desktop is available for staff usage in the Gutchess Library, contributed by Andrea Rankin.

CENTENNIAL +1, OPENDORE GRAND OPENING will take place August 21-22.

NOMINATING (Jackie, Andy, Linda VanBuskirk) Guy Garnsey is nominated for an additional three-year term. Kirsten Wise (executive director of the Cayuga Museum) and Lorrie Butcher (retired teacher) are nominated for their first three-year terms. There were no nominations from the floor. **Motion:** To close the nominations and elect those nominated. **M/S/C.** We thank Barbara Taylor and Jamien Shea for their contributions on the Board and wish them well.

MISSION STATEMENT The **attached** revised mission statement was presented for approval by the membership. **Motion:** To approve the mission statement. **M/S/C.**

CLOSING REMARKS Guy extended gratitude to all who make the organization function: volunteers, funders, and trustees.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 8:00. **M/S/C**

Respectfully Submitted

Larry Bell