

Howland Stone Store Museum, Sherwood, NY
Annual Meeting
May 21, 2023

The annual meeting was held in person at Opendore and via Zoom conference call. The meeting was called to order by President Guy Garnsey at 7:00 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Trustees: Larry Bell, Lorrie Butcher, Jackie Dickinson, Guy Garnsey, Marilyn Post, Andy Simkin, Karen Speck, Kirsten Gosch (virtually)

Members: Larry and Laura Buffam, Kathie Garnsey, Carolyn Littlejohn, Gus Littlejohn, Karen Simkin, Bess Simkin, Bill Speck, CJ Koepp, Bill Schmitt, Linda VanBuskirk, Judy Nyquist, Tryg Ager, Sally and Dill Otis, Hannah Richter, Pat and Dave White, Ann Wiley. The quorum of 15 members was met. There were also five non-members present.

OPENING REMARKS Guy Garnsey introduced present trustees and volunteers, highlighting their responsibilities and accomplishments. He reviewed the past year, including the progress on the Hazard Library addition at Opendore.

MINUTES (Larry Bell) Printed copies of the May 22, 2022 annual meeting minutes were distributed. **Motion made, seconded and carried** to approve the minutes.

TREASURER (Jackie Dickinson) The **attached** financial reports for 2022 and 2023 to date were distributed and summarized. Jackie noted that HSSM is in sound financial shape. Good procedures are established, and checks and balances are in place. The treasurer's report was accepted, **M/S/C**

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT: (Andy Simkin) **MOTION:** To amend the constitution and by-laws as follows: "Anyone donating a sum equal to or greater than the set amount of yearly dues shall be entitled to membership, regardless of whether the donation was specifically designated as payment of dues." **M/S/C.**

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: (Andy Simkin, Jackie Dickinson, Lorrie Butcher) On behalf of the Committee, Andy nominated Larry Bell and Marilyn Post for additional three-year terms as trustees. William Schmitt was nominated for a three-year term. There were no nominations from the floor. **Motion:** To accept the nominations and elect those nominated. **M/S/C.** Thanks to retiring trustee Susan Weisend for her service to the Museum.

OTHER BUSINESS: Marilyn invited everyone to the Gallery for a special women's suffrage exhibit, on short-term loan.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 7:30, **M/S/C.** The meeting was followed by a program on the Erie Canal by Derrick Pratt of the Erie Canal Museum.

Respectfully Submitted

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