

Howland Stone Store Museum, Sherwood, NY
Annual Meeting
May 22, 2022

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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 (in person): trustees: Larry Bell, Lorrie Butcher, Jackie Dickinson, Guy Garnsey, Marilyn Post, Andy Simkin, Karen Speck. Members: Kathie Garnsey, Bess Simkin, Bill Speck, Clare Morehouse, Linda VanBuskirk, Judy Nyquist, Tryg Ager, Pat and Dave White. Virtual members attending: Beverly and Preston Hammons, Donna Riester, Ann Wiley, John Yurco. A quorum of 15+ was present.

GUESTS PRESENT: Nancy Hart and Lisa Semenza (in person)

OPENING REMARKS Guy Garnsey introduced present trustees, highlighting their responsibilities and accomplishments.

MINUTES (Larry Bell) Since the minutes from the May 23, 2021 annual meeting were previously sent out, there was a **motion** to waive the reading of and approve the minutes. **Motion made, seconded and carried.**

TREASURER (Jackie Dickinson) As the **attached** report indicates, finances are stable and healthy. Standard bookkeeping procedures are followed, using Quickbooks and DonorView software, following a previously approved budget.

PRESIDENT Guy summarized accomplishments of the past year.

Education Committee

New exhibits in drawing room, parlor, and meeting room; Emily Howland display at SC School; monthly programs; Centennial +1 and Grand Opening; regular opening hours and hours by appointment; group tours; Opendore video in production

Collections Committee

Continued entries into the Filemaker Pro database; Cabinet of Curiosities inventory, restoration and framing of posters, preservation survey by DHPSNY, moving of archival boxes to Opendore

Finance Committee

Monitoring of fiscal assets/investments, operating funds, and Opendore capital funds

Fundraising Committee

Wrote annual appeal and grant applications. Received five grants so far in 2022 = \$27,000

Facilities Committee

Opendore: Four mantels, property maintenance, new water filter.

12,800 hours were volunteered since 2016. Those above 500 include Guy: 3,800, Larry: 2,000, Gus: 1,600, Andy: 1,400, Bess & Tryg: 700, Marilyn: 550.

Applying for the PLNY 2022 Project of the Year award.

Stone Store: Removal of attic ash in process. Plan to replace with rock wool insulation, paint exterior trim, install new storm windows.

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Opendore projects in planning stages: north parking, west side landscaping, springhouse restoration, reconstruction of porte-cochere and east porch

Membership Committee: 154 members 2022 year to date

Publicity Committee: Newsletters, notices, social media, Tribune articles

Merchandise Committee: Publication and sale of books and t-shirts.

Technology Committee: Wifi, video security camera system, website

SPECIAL EVENT Larry reported on the planned September 17 event, "All are Welcome Here: African American Connections to Sherwood."

HAZARD LIBRARY PLAN FOR OPENDORE ADDITION: Preliminary plans have been drawn. Re-chartering of library district to include Scipio and Genoa is a necessary first step, but it could be a lengthy process.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Lorrie Butcher and Kirsten Gosch nominated Karen Speck, Jackie Dickinson, and Andy Simkin for additional three-year terms. There were no nominations from the floor. **Motion:** To accept the nominations and elect those nominated. **M/S/C.**

ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 7:40, **M/S/C.** The meeting was followed by a program on the historic houses of Aurora by Clare Morehouse.

Respectfully Submitted

Larry B. Bell