



March Meeting Minutes 03-08-2018

Mr. DiCicco led the pledge of allegiance. Mr. Rebmann called roll. Absent with prior notification was Sarah Matthews. Present were DiCicco, Gooch, O'Grady, and Rebmann. Member Thomas Laughlin was also present.

February minutes were approved. Financial report was also approved

Mr. Gooch offered the report. Total Sturdy Savings Bank account balance: \$3318.56. Mr. DiCicco motioned to pay the bills, including payments to Mr. Laughlin for work performed on Friends computer and web site. Also moved to reimburse Mr. Rebmann for payment he made to renew the Friends' website for the year. Both motions were approved.

It was agreed that Mr. Laughlin will maintain a record of hours worked on technical matters for the Friends. This information will be used both to determine payments for services and/or in-kind service charges against the county grant. All volunteer hours devoted exclusively to Friends will be kept separate from volunteer hours specifically for the museum. Any overlaps will be determined by board members.

Ms. O'Grady made extensive edits to the by-laws draft and raised a number of questions that board members discussed.

Under "dues", Mr. Gooch suggested differentiating categories for "senior", "family", "student", "business". Other members agreed. Mr. Rebmann will make adjustment to membership form. Ms. O'Grady asked about specific titles for volunteers, citing "student" volunteers as a possible category.

Ms. O'Grady led a discussion on the by-laws section concerning "prohibited activities". She asked if a board member can run for elected office. Members agreed that there is no restriction in that area. However, the organization cannot support a particular candidate or party.

The board also agreed to send email to current membership reminding them that it is a new year and dues are due for 2018

Members also discussed and agreed that specific wording is needed in the by-laws stating that any contracts entered into by the Friends must be voted upon by the board.

There was additional discussion about work on the building and the board reiterated that since the school house is a township property, the Township Committee had final say on any work done to the building. Any work proposed by the Friends must be approved by the committee before it can be performed.

Members agreed that a Friends donation box should be provided at fundraising events and Mr. Rebmann will have one available for the next event.

Members also discussed establishing an account at Staples in order to get supplies. This will be done as soon as possible. Mr. Laughlin stressed the importance of keeping purchases of supplies for museum clearly separated from purchases for Friends even when their use overlaps.

Friends' technology needs include a large screen computer monitor and operating system for computer donated by the Arc. Money from the Cape May County Culture and Heritage grant can be applied toward this.

Board for 2018: Al DiCicco/President, Don Gooch/Treasurer, Ray Rebmann/Secretary/Vice-President, Sarah Matthews and Bevin O'Grady/At-Large.

There being no other business, motion to close the meeting was unanimous.

