DUNBARTON HISTORICAL AWARENESS COMMITTEE

November 26, 2018, 6:30, Town Office

Members Present: Donna Dunn, Les Hammond, Gail Martel, Bob Martel (Selectman Liaison), Fred Mullen, Ken Swayze, Bill Zeller
Members out of town/absent: Lynn Aramini, Laraine Allen, Bob Boynton, Paula Mangini, Lee Martel, Linda Nickerson

Minutes: Gail made a motion to approve the minutes of the 10/22/18 meeting, Fred seconded, unanimous.

DHAC Financials: The October statement was reviewed and accepted. Income: $40 books, $100 donation from Stan & Gayle Sowle, $30 anonymous donation.

Library Ancestry.com: Users to date this year 43. 2019 price will be $100 (2018 price was $200.) Price depends on the number of libraries that subscribe. Library will pay this year. Note: Library Ancestry includes the Canadian census.

Annual DES Historic Gingerbread House Project: $50 Check for teacher Mollie Morrisette will be ready this week. Bill is meeting with both 3rd grade classes separately for a video and walking tour this week on Thursday & Friday.

Native American History Month: Bill, Lee & Donna visited the 3rd graders to see Barbara Francis, Penobscot tribe, give a presentation. Fun was had by all and the teacher feedback was very positive. Each child went home with a bead/bone/tooth necklace they made themselves. Barbara wouldn’t accept any reimbursement for her time or supplies. We’ve done a press release, will include a photo in our Town Report and send a thank you letter signed by all.


Teacher Tidbit Sheet – Turkey Farms of Dunbarton: Feedback was great!

Senior Class Project: Waiting for a copy of Aidan Westenberg’s Senior Project about Elijah Lyman Harris’ 1800s Journal and his resulting “Ted Talk.” The talk was videotaped and we hope to obtain a copy for viewing.

Potential Educational Research Project for students: Finding cellar sites, establishing gps coordinates and drawing maps of and measuring foundations. This project could include a compass, gps device and metal detectors. A discussion was had as to which grade level this would apply to. First step is to locate students currently doing geocaching and see if they might like to get involved. Shelley will send a notice to DES teachers and Chanti Labrecque will put out feelers to parents. Other ideas are welcome.

Signs: Mike Hammond home - Two signs were recommended due to the unusual situation: John Bunten House 1901, Moses Emerson Barn, ca. 1800 (? more info needed), Stinson School – determine wording, get mockup and follow up with landowner to see if sign would be ok, Stark School – determine wording, get mockup, permission already granted.

Pocket Watch at Library: Mary wanted to know if the DHAC had any idea who it belonged to. No one did but some of us assumed it once belonged to Charlie Little as it hangs near his photo. We’ll suggest she open the back and check for inscriptions. If any exist, make note of them on the back of the frame when resealed.

Action List: Ken was in town this week and started research on 322 Stark South. No word from Bob or Lynn on the John Webber Place sign.

Research: Gail, Lee & Donna visited the Bow Heritage Commission (a town committee, not a private organization) in their climate-controlled room at the Bow Baker Free Library. We were given full access to materials and allowed to take photos. Material about their schools was especially helpful considering our current work. We’ll be doing a follow-up visit in December to their other workspace where they sort, process and preserve materials. We exchanged town history books.

Adjourn/Next Mtg: Ken made a motion to adjourn at 7:32, Les seconded, unanimous. Next meeting 12/17/18, 6:30. Please note this is the third Monday of the month – not the fourth.

Respectfully Submitted, Donna Dunn, Chair & Secretary