

**Association for the Preservation of Geneseo
Board of Trustees Meeting
July 1, 2020**

Call to Order

6:32 pm Live over ZOOM

Present

Jeff Crane, Mary Kummer, Susanna Garret, Lauren Wadsworth, Kurt Cylke, Julie Meyers, Liz Porter, Jacob Caplan, Melissa Hughes, Cindy Schmidt

Absent

Chris Ivers

Review of Minutes

The June Minutes were approved.

Open Discussion

New Board of Trustee Members: Both new members are second generation APOGers. Jacob Caplan is opening a Boulderling/Climbing Club in the Village. Father Barry was a very active member of APOG in the Past. Melissa Hughes is the Program Manager at Fallbrook Farms focused on Organic Farming. Oliver Chanler was very involved in the Community and would be proud of her involvement in APOG.

Board Members Moving On: Jeff would like to have Thank You Notes for Chris Ivers, Anne Lutkus, Mary Roodenberg, and Jim Whitehead who have recently resigned and should be recognized for their years of service. **ACTION:** Liz Porter has offered to write these thank you notes. Julie will drop APOG Stationary at Liz's home. Jim and his wife were very active in the Scavenger Hunt, Programs and the relationship with the college. Anne was involved in the Programs and served as Vice President during her tenure. Mary served as corresponding Secretary and wrote the newsletters.

The Antenna: CBRE/Verizon has sent APOG a letter to ask if we would like to be involved as a Consultant as they work to install a new antenna to Niagara Hall at the College. There was a discussion regarding whether the board should be involved in the planning for this new antenna. The proposed new antenna will be in addition to an existing antenna on the Dorm roof. Jeff suggested that all members take a drive by the Dorm and let Jeff know thoughts. **ACTION:** Jeff will respond to CBRE with feedback from the Board.

Wine and Beer Event: Wine and Beer event has been cancelled for June. Waiting to make call to consider postponement to fall. Jacob suggested that it might be fun to do the Ten Person Bikes moving around the Village. Individual groups could stay together to respect social distancing. Jeff suggested that we might consider a wine & beer stroll around the historic community. This could encourage small groups, but would limit interaction with others. Kurt & Liz suggested that we have a progressive stroll with a cocktail and an appetizer at each location. Make it a true wine/beer tasting...based on size of glasses. The Board agreed to have this conversation in August when we understand the NYS rules and the impact of the College return on the Village. Another thought would be to walk the wall. Attendance in the past has been 75-220.

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Grants: LCHS received half of the cost of their new signs from the Village and/or County. The Board voted to give them \$500 towards the balance of the cost of the sign.

Future Meetings: Jeff will reach out to the County to see if we can meet again in the Building. We agreed that we will meet in August via Zoom and make a call for future meetings.

Future Board Members: Sarah Morgan is still interested in being on the Board, and will be happy to join when things return to normal. Julie has been doing both the Recording Secretary Role and the Membership Coordinator for eight years. Julie explained that the master mailing list is up to date, but a bit of a hassle to manage. Cindy has agreed to take over the role of the Membership Coordinator and will manage the Spreadsheet in order to maintain membership and to add the broader village, town and area to the mailing list. **ACTION:** Julie & Cindy will get together to transfer the membership role.

Historic Sign Restoration: Mary is working to get estimates to redo The Treaty of the Big Tree sign on the campus. She got three different estimates. Kurt also contacted Dutch VanRy to see if he was interested in doing the restoration. The lowest is \$280. The Board approved this expenditure. **ACTION:** Mary will contract and manage to get this done. Kurt suggested that we have an unveiling with the original Committee (1997) and the current Board. **ACTION:** Mary will arrange the unveiling and contact Livingston County News to cover the event.

House Plaques: Mary looking into plaque materials. Cost should be approximately \$30. **ACTION:** Mary will acquire art materials to do signs.

Officers' Reports

President's Report – Jeff:

- Facilitated Agenda.

Vice President's Report – Need Replacement:

- Nothing to Report.

Secretary's Report – Julie

- Volunteer List was provided from membership applications. On the list, Steven Miskell has decided not to pursue to Board at this time. Sandy Brennan is not available due to illness. **ACTION:** Rob will contact Jennifer O'Shea to see if she is interested in joining the Board.

Treasurer's report - Rob:

- Jeff and Rob meeting this month to transfer the role of treasurer.
- Jeff is still working to get funds back from State. Hopefully we will get closure shortly.

Corresponding Secretary's report – Need a Replacement

- Liz Porter is potentially interested in the role. **ACTION:** Jeff and Liz to finalize.

Committee Reports

Awards:

- Need Chair.

Marketing, Communications & Membership - TBA:

- Need Chair.

Programs & Education – Need new Chairs co-chairs:

- Kurt suggested that we used the restoration of the historic signs as a guide for doing programs. We could restore the sign and then build a program around it.

Cemetery Preservation – Jeff :

- Nothing new to report.

Save the Wall – Kurt:

- Jared MacKenzie received the APOG scholarship and also was Valedictorian of the Geneseo Senior Class. He spoke about APOG and the wall in his speech.
- We will hear about the \$25,000 grant award from the Membership Foundation in mid-August. This would cover the cost of wall restoration to the top of the hill.

Meeting adjourned at: 7:47 PM.

Next meeting

6:30 PM via Zoom on August 5th.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Meyers