

**Association for the Preservation of Geneseo  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
March 5, 2020**

**Call to Order**

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6:30 pm at Livingston County Government Center

**Present**

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Jeff Crane, Chris Ivers, Mary Kummer, Kurt Cylke, Mary Roodenburg, Julie Meyers, Liz Porter, Cindi Schmitt

**Absent**

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Rob Deming, Susanna Garret, Jim Whitehead, Anne Lutkus

**Review of Minutes**

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The February Minutes, taken by Chris, were approved with corrections made by Julie.

**Open Discussion**

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**Spring Newsletter.** Mary Roodenburg shared a computer problem in creating the Spring Newsletter. Both Cindy and Mary Kummer agreed to assist. Cindy, who uses a MAC will try to set up the format based on Mary R. sharing her current version. The Board agreed to push the publication back to May and announce the confirmed location for Beer & Wine. **ACTION:** Cindy will work to create the newsletter. Mary and other Board Members will assist as necessary.

**Wine and Beer Event:** Fundraiser will be on June 12th. Location is to be determined. Both Chris Ivers and Julie Meyers offered the use of their yards if we are unable to find another location. Craig of the Village Tavern has agreed to donate the beer. **ACTION:** Chris Ivers will ask the Morgans if they would host again this year – 71 Center Street.

**Board Membership & Tenure:** Welcome Liz Porter to her first meeting (this tenure). The Board discussed modifying the By-Laws to allow for longer term limits in order to maintain a quorum when new members are difficult to recruit. There was also reminder that both the Village and Town Boards should have a representative on the Board. Chris Ivers will act in this capacity for the Village Board. The Board unanimously voted to maintain the By-Laws term limits as stated to keep the Board fresh. In order to address the current situation where Kurt Cylkie, Chris Ivers, Julie Meyers and Anne Lutkus are all over their term limits, and Jim Whitehead is approaching his limit in 2020, the Board agreed to stagger the departure of current members over the next 2-3 years. **ACTION:** Jeff will coordinate and propose the revised limits of the 5 members over the next month. **ACTION:** Jeff will contact Will Wadsworth the get a Town of Geneseo to assign a representative to the Board.

Julie mentioned that in reviewing older meeting minutes, there are many families who have served on the Board, but have not been represented recently. The Board discussed many new names and long-term residents/families as possible future Board members. **ACTION:** Cindy will approach Lauren or Christa Wadsworth.

**Consultant Architect:** Kurt reports that Virginia Searl from Beryl Architects and our consultant is retiring. She has indicated that she is willing to continue to be an advisor as requested by our members. **ACTION:** For the record, Kurt will share Virginia's contact details.

**Horatio Jones Barns.** Mary Kummer assisted in the locating of the original deed and the necessary forms for the National Trust Application. Mary & Kurt will met with Shannon Chanler again in April. Shannon may be available in the Fall to speak about the preservation of the barns.

## **Officers' Reports**

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### President's Report – Jeff:

- Facilitated Agenda.

### Vice President's Report - Anne:

- Not Present.

### Secretary's Report – Julie

- Julie will work to update the mailing lists. It is taking a long time because we are trying to integrate the Town of Geneseo in addition to the current list which includes the HisToric District only. The Conservancy Mailing list was suggested as a baseline in addition to the LCHM (which include all of Livingston County). **ACTION:** Cindy will get the Conservancy List and share with Julie.

### Treasurer's report - Rob:

- Jeff & Kurt are working to get the Treasury function transferred to Rob this month.

### Corresponding Secretary's report – Mary R.

- See above regarding Newsletter.

## **Committee Reports**

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### Awards:

- Need Chair.

### Marketing, Communications & Membership - TBA:

- Mailing list still needs to be updated. There are many duplicates again.
- The Board Action List will be updated and included with next Minutes distribution.

### Programs & Education – Anne & Jim co-chairs:

Notes from Jim sent via email: Programming for this spring has been challenging.

- Our collaboration with the School of Education on the early history of the Normal School was canceled for this semester due to the closure of Milne Library.
- Our Spring program with LCHS (From Geneseo to Europe & Back Again on April 19th) is in jeopardy due to the speaker's possible travel restrictions because of the Corona virus.
- The Exhibition in the Bridge Galley in Brodie closes on March 11.

### Cemetery Preservation – Jeff :

- Nothing new reported.

### Save the Wall – Kurt:

- June 6<sup>th</sup> is opening day this Spring for Wall work. The Geneseo Girl Scouts are signed up to help. Liz suggests that Kurt contact the NY Times and suggest a piece on "The Power of a Small Village". She says she thinks it would fit in with others she has seen.

Meeting adjourned at: 7:40 PM.

## **Next meeting**

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**6:30 PM** in room 303A of the Government Building on April 1<sup>st</sup>

Respectfully submitted,  
Julie Meyers