

**Association for the Preservation of Geneseo
Board of Trustees Meeting
May 6, 2020**

Call to Order

6:36 pm Live over ZOOM

Present

Jeff Crane, Gretchen Crane (Guest: President of Cemetery Board), Mary Kummer, Cindi Schmitt, Julie Meyers, Kurt Cylke, Julie Meyers, Liz Porter, Anne Lutkus, Rob Deming, Susanna Garret

Absent

Jim Whitehead, Mary Roodenburg, Chris Ivers

Review of Minutes

The March Minutes were approved.

Open Discussion

Welcome New Board Member. Lauren Wadsworth grew up in Geneseo and went to Geneseo Central School. She has been away for 14 years. She is a clinical Psychologist specializing in OCD. She opened a clinic in Rochester. She lives at Crossett Farm and plans to be here forever. They are planning a big welcome party when the State allows it. She knows many of the Board members from around town.

Spring Newsletter: Thank you Rob for getting it put together. Jeff suggested that we send out the newsletter by the end of May. Kurt offered to print the Newsletter in Color and send the two page letter with the Application for Membership along with the Annual Save the Wall Newsletter.

ACTION: Rob will make the final edits to the newsletter and send it to Kurt. **ACTION:** Kurt will print the newsletter and include it in the mailing of the Annual Save the Wall Newsletter.

ACTION: Julie will update the Membership Application for 2020 and have it on the Google Drive for Kurt to print and include in the mailing.

Wine and Beer Event: We need to cancel or postpone due to COVID 19. The state is still in lock down, so June seems unlikely. One idea is to move it to early Fall. We need to steer clear of the Postponed Summer Festival (September 25th & 26th). This weekend is also the SUNY Family Weekend. We agreed to postpone the identification of a date until July. **ACTION:** Jeff will put together a list of events that we need to avoid in September and October.

Grant Applications: The first is the *Livingston County Historical Society* Sign on Center Street. The Signs are for the newly restored museum building and have a cost of \$1,725. The rules of grants apply to restoration and improvement Rather than new signs. The max is \$500. The Board agreed that the LCHS pursue the Village and County Economic Development. **ACTION:** Julie will send information on Village and County Grant information to Jeff. **ACTION:** Jeff will contact Anna and ask her to pursue these options first. If these do not work for the LCHS, the Board agreed to support with a special Gift of \$500.

The second request is for support of the a porch rehabilitation at *5 Elm Street*. The Board approved a \$500 Grant for *Cylkie/Kowalchuk*.

Architectural Scavenger Hunts & Save the Porches: The Whiteheads have eight years of the Hunt books. Anita suggested that the Board scan them and put them on the web page for use by the kids in town during the at Home restrictions. Anita also suggested that we consider a Save the Porches award. The Board agreed that posting the hunts is a great idea, but discussed that Porches are eligible for the Annual Awards already (30 North Street and 5 Elm were noted).

ACTION: Mary will let the Whiteheads know that they should scan the Hunts and send to Rob for posting.

Architectural Consultations: Virginia Searl was scheduled to come down and do two consultations. This has been postponed. Mary K. is in touch with her.

New Board Members: ACTION: Susanna will contact Floyd & Deb Streeter on Second St. Lauren suggested Melissa & Josh Hughes (Fallbrook Farms) and Jack Kaplan. **ACTION:** Lauren will invite them to sit in at a meeting to consider it.

House Plaques: ACTION: Liz will leave templates and sample wood plaque on her porch for Mary K to pick up.

Officers' Reports

President's Report – Jeff:

- Facilitated Agenda.

Vice President's Report - Anne:

- Nothing to Report.

Secretary's Report – Julie

- Julie will work to continue to work the mailing lists.
- Julie facilitated the Action Item Review.
- Julie shared that the name tags ordered for new Board members have been received.
- **ACTION:** Julie will send Google Docs Link to Lauren.

Treasurer's report - Rob:

- Jeff & Kurt are working to get the Treasury function transferred to Rob next month.
- Jeff & Chris still working to get money back from NY State (CD).
- Good balance and little change in bank account. One check to deposit pending Bank reopening.

Corresponding Secretary's report – Mary R.

- Not Present.

Committee Reports

Awards:

- Need Chair.

Marketing, Communications & Membership - TBA:

- Need Chair
- Mailing list still needs to be updated. There are many duplicates again.

Programs & Education – Anne & Jim co-chairs:

- Nothing new to report this month as program planning has been challenging.
- There may be an opportunity to promote the Scavenger Hunt at this time. For a new Hunt, we discussed putting a Grab and Go Box in the Center of the village for pick up. **ACTION:** Kurt is willing to print an older one out and make it available immediately. He will discuss getting this done with the Whiteheads and Mary K.

Cemetery Preservation – Jeff :

- Gretchen Crane (President of the Temple Hill Cemetery Board) is a guest at the meeting.
- She shared that the mowing team is doing a great job. Business is unfortunately booming. Two recent Board Member departures. Mary Kummer has joined the Board. Darlene Hunt is about to join the Board.
- Volunteers are welcome with Social Distancing. Many of the Girl Scout Processes have been difficult to Maintain recently. There is no annual meeting this year.
- The Board is interested in continuing to repair wrought Iron fencing and the General Wadsworth Plot. They may appeal to APOG at some point in the future.
- The Portico architecture needs to be further investigated before further plans can be made.
- The Garden Club continues to maintain the plantings around the new sign on 20A, but cannot maintain the front gardens in the shade near the Temple Hill entrance because of weeds and roots. Ideas are welcome.

Save the Wall – Kurt:

- June 6th is opening day this Spring for Wall work. There is a consistent group of 22 volunteers and at this time, we do not want additional volunteers because the group is planning to social distance (10-12 feet apart).
- Kurt recently updated the Save the Wall project section of the Web Page.
- There have been several significant donors that have passed recently. Lauren suggests that they are respectively mentioned along with the need for additional new donors.
- Lauren volunteered for fundraising efforts.

Meeting adjourned at: 7:43 PM.

Next meeting

6:30 PM in room 303A of the Government Building on June 3rd.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Meyers