

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING - EMILY L. KNAPP MUSEUM
MARCH 23, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 PM

PRESENT: Pat O'Brien, Allan Berry, Mark Rice, Sue Savard, Bill Andrews, Norm Knapp, Chris Hunt, Karen Owen, Neal Keating, Sarah (Ledtke) Hefner

NEW BUSINESS:

- ✓ **Accessioned Items:** Pat passed around the current list which contains: documents, pictures, and prints from the Shepherd estate, two hardcover ledgers from the Ben Franklin store, a hanging lamp from the Eldred Quackenbush family, items found in Fannie Barrier William's home plus 3 deeds pertaining to the home's history, Monitor Clock, 4 Plat map books. The members of the Museum Board accepted the listed items. All items on the list have been signed off on by the donors.

- ✓ **Deaccessioning:** Sue showed four prints of Model T cars that came to the museum in the Shepherd collection. The original paintings were done by James Warren for the Ford Motor Company. The members voted to deaccession them and place the prints for sale on E-Bay using Trader Shag's. Also, the board agreed to deaccession our 1860 map of Niagara County. Sue will approach the Orleans County Historical Society regarding their interest in purchasing the map. If they are not willing to do so, it will be placed with Trader Shag's.

- ✓ **Clarification:** Once a list of items is presented for accessioning or deaccessioning and agreed to by our Board, the list is sent to the Village Board for their approval.

- ✓ **Stairway and Hallway Carpets:** Lowe's submitted a bid for the installation of a Victorian style stair runner and the same patterned runner for the third-floor hallway. The installer for a second company, Jachkes Imperial Flooring, came to the museum to measure and suggested that we cannot have the type of patterned carpet that we want because of the different curves on the lower five stairs of the stairway. We would have to install plain carpet. Sue suggested we stick with painted stairs and simply buy a runner at Lowe's for the third-floor hall since its wooden floorboards could present a safety concern. Motion by Mark to install a runner in the third-floor hall; seconded by Allan. The motion was carried unanimously.

- ✓ **Golden Eagles:** Dan Burns has gathered information regarding the restoration of our eagles and contacted 16 organizations for input and information. Thus far, he has been unable to locate any conservator taxidermist in New York State. He will continue to research possibilities. Both he and Sarah C. learned that our eagles are old enough that they do not fall under the 1940 laws for shipping, etc.

Sarah C. has approached a representative of a graduating class and there is some potential for a class gift to cover the cost of restoration of one of the eagles.

Neal suggested we consider a more robust approach to the college and not just focus on the eagle as a mascot. They are endangered species because of environmental concerns.

Their importance works into the museum studies program, environmental and ecological studies, and Native American history. This project is also another town/gown opportunity that could benefit the village, museum, and the college. Neal offered to put together a concept and will begin a dialogue with the Provost and report at the next meeting. He will coordinate his effort with Sarah C.

- ✓ **Low Bridge/High Water Event:** Sue discussed the possibility of having an event on the Saturday or Sunday of Low Bridge weekend and include at the same time a birthday cake and punch honoring the 100th birthday this year of Emily Knapp. After much discussion with the mayor, it seemed that there is already so much going on in town that weekend, that we might be better served to have an event on our opening Sunday, May 1. Sue suggested a "Be A Sleuth," idea where each room will have an item for attendees to identify. Chris Hunt mentioned that another museum did a similar project, but each room also included an item that did not belong (such as a cell phone). Norm proposed we hold off on the birthday cake idea and do that at a later date - closer to her actual birthday in October. The Board agreed unanimously with these suggestions and Sue and volunteers will begin planning. Our new member, Sarah (Ledtke) Hefner, offered to help by preparing a flyer to be distributed in the elementary schools and around town. More to follow.

OLD BUSINESS

- ✓ **Bookcase:** The new bookcase is almost ready for installation. It should be in our museum in the next week or two, at which time we hope to load the shelves with the boxes of books already moved to the third floor.
- ✓ **Environmental Monitoring:** Pat has downloaded the data collected thus far from our data loggers. Graphs were passed around and much discussion followed. As expected, the cold weather is less damaging to our collection than warm weather. Pat will print the data several more times before the end of the year.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Minutes Submitted by Allan Berry, Secretary