

**Gilboa Historical Society
Board of Directors
March 22, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 1:07 p.m. Present were: Lee Hudson, Linda Karlsen, Christl Riedman, Val Riedman, Connie Ruelhe, Michael Shiffer, Gerry Stoner, Ellen Thorn

Discussions relating to construction

Lee reported that she brought our attorney, Tal Rappleyea, up to date and asked him to work with the Town on moving forward the purchase date of Town property. If the funding for capital improvements is from federal COVID-19 funding, we would like to know the deadline for this expenditure.

The March Town board meeting was postponed due to inclement weather. Gerry attended the rescheduled meeting on March 20 and urged the Town to provide a preliminary schedule of tasks involving preparation of the Town property for sale to GHS, including well digging, road access and parking areas.

A new ramp to the front entrance will have to wait until activities planned by the Town (specifically the well) have been settled.

Apparently there was a one-year lease signed in April 2022 for GHS use of Town property — with the understanding that a sale would likely be completed before the lease ran out. No further word has been heard about replacing the lease.

President's report (Gerry)

Gerry reported on arrangements made with Nick Juried about marketing and distributing his book, *As I Remember Things, 2/e*. Gerry will house an inventory of 400 copies, to be distributed to Nick's list of complimentary copies and to be made available for sale in boxed units of 8 copies at a wholesale rate. Money raised through this sale will be donated to GHS.

An additional example of Nick Juried's generosity is his \$25,000 check to offset costs associated with property ownership (e.g., building maintenance, higher insurance). We are all so grateful to this Society benefactor and friend!

Gerry reported NYC DEP Outreach Director John Milgrim presented to a small group who fought snowy driveways and were able to get to the Museum. The slide show was recorded. The video link for all those interested in learning about the progress and next steps toward completion of the renovated dam, reservoir and overlook: <<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cTDs658XtKY>>.

On March 20, CREATE (Council for Resources to Enrich the Arts, Technology, and Education) reported that GHS was awarded a \$1,600 grant from the NYS

Council on the Arts Statewide Community Regrant Program for 2023 programs, to be used for Community Outreach.

The board voted (motion by Christl; second by Linda K) to approve the report.

Secretary's report (Ellen)

Ellen prepared and distributed minutes from last month for review, approval, and posting. The board voted (motion by Linda K; second by Lee) to approve the February 22 minutes.

Ellen continues to incorporate changes and additions to the working calendar and to distribute it in advance of the Board meetings.

Treasurer's report (Michael)

Michael provided the bank statement year-to-date through February 2023. Propane, electric, and telephone were paid (by check or debit), among other payments. Interest earned on the Savings account through January is \$39.44 and through February is \$29.05, bringing year-to-date interest to \$68.49.

Balances for each account as of February 28, 2023:

- Checking (account ending #7602) \$ 6,127.04
- Savings (MMA account ending #3502) \$ 64,456.96
- *Catskill Tri-County Historical Views* (account ending #4542) \$ 8,012.75
- Fundraising (checking account ending #2298) \$ 2,133.85
- \$ **80,730.60**
- CD 9349 (\$50,000, mature 12/2023, at 4.25%) + transfer \$400,000.00

(Transfer from MMA plus CD purchase were approved to gain a higher yield.)

Michael paid the sales tax owed for 2022.

A budget spreadsheet will be prepared for 2023 that includes 2022 budget versus actual and 2023 budget versus year-to-date actual.

Michael bought a book on financing museums. He's hoping the GHS will pay for the book, which he'll then add to the GHS library. The board approved (motion by Ellen; second by Christl) that the Society pay the cost of the text.

Michael sent Thank-you postcards to all those on Lee's list who donated their unused subscriptions from *Catskill Tri-County Historical Views*.

Michael reported a \$150 donation from the Slutzkys for the Stryker family genealogy project by Clover Archer.

The board voted (motion by Linda K; second by Christl) to approve the report.

Committee reports

Fundraising (Linda K)

Linda K is planning a Shopping Bag Auction, to be held at the general meeting on June 21 at 6 p.m. The board agreed to donate two copies of Nick Juried's book

to the auction in addition to a budget of \$200 to purchase additional items to bring the number of shopping bags to bid on to about 50 (motion by Christl; second by Ellen).

Linda K also asked the board to be prepared to vote, at the April board meeting, on whether we should hold (a) a 50-50 raffle, (b) a basket-of-cheer raffle, or (c) a raffle for an assemblage of lottery tickets — to be extended through much of the summer season.

The board voted (motion by Michael; second by Ellen) to approve the report.

Museum gift shop and tour guides (Nelta)

Gerry met with Museum Manager Nelta Miller to review progress of the Gift Shop inventory. Nelta has worked with Christl and with Gerry on inventory, worksheets, sales projections, and orders. She plans to have prices on all books and information online with photos and prices for all fossils and minerals. The toy inventory is currently fine.

Kristen is working up a jewelry order.

Christl has been having trouble with some bookshops; Black Dome is out of print on a popular local history title; and Arcadia and Purple Mountain are difficult to get hold of. Gerry will follow up with his publishing contacts.

Nelta has been exploring the purchase of T-shirts for sale in the Gift Shop. It's possible we'll arrange a design contest with local students.

Michael is arranging to get a debit card from NBT for Nelta.

Nelta has several science teachers from Roxbury who are interested in providing docent services this summer at \$50 per day without having to commit to a minimum of 7 weekend days. The board voted (motion by Ellen; second by Linda K) to approve this arrangement.

The board voted (motion by Gerry; second by Christl) to approve the report.

Museum exhibitions (Kristen, Lee)

Facilities (Mike, Gerry)

The board voted (motion by Michael; second by Linda K) to remove the museum key from its current shared onsite location and to have Michael provide individual keys to board members, to Library Director Nelta, and to tour guides and others who need access. Michael will have the keys made and distributed.

Marketing

Programs (Kristen)

Publications (Gerry, Lee)

Lee has been looking into alternative ways to bundle sets of 10 issues of *Catskill Tri-County Historical Views* for selling as a single package.

Refreshments (Janette)**Collection Management (Linda S, Ellen)****Education (Kristen)**

Several school group tours are being scheduled. See calendar for details.

Finance (Linda S)**Grant-writing (Linda K, Nelta)**

GHS was notified of a \$1,600 grant award through CREATE from the NYS Council on the Arts for Community Outreach.

Membership (Gerry)**Nominations (Linda K, Connie)****Policies (Linda S)****Public Relations**

Adjournment: Meeting ended at 3:13 p.m. (motion by Christl; second by Linda K)

Upcoming meetings

Next General meeting is scheduled for April 19, at 6 p.m.

Next Board meeting is scheduled for April 26, at 1 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Thorn
Board Secretary

To Do:

Distribute a 2023 budget vs. actual report (Michael)

Encourage volunteers to commit to supplying refreshments (Janette)

Reach out to encourage new members and new visitors (Everyone)

Ask Phoebe Schreiner to get involved with outreach (Kristen)

Review Town's budget line items (Lee)

Ask vendors for donations of their wares (Linda K)

Paint agricultural equipment shed?

Gardens by Trista to remove bush near a-c compressor (Kristen)

Geocaching: are all materials available?