

**Gilboa Historical Society
Board of Directors
March 30, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 11:04 a.m.

Present: Carolyn Brown, Lee Hudson, Linda Karlsen, Janette Reynolds, Christl Riedman, Val Riedman, Connie Ruehle, Gerry Stoner, Linda Stratigos

Discussions with Town board

Copies of the lease as approved by the Town Board were distributed for review and were approved with corrections, including needed easements defined on Schedule A, a typo, clarification of due cause, request for facility use policy, and two redundancies. The president was authorized to sign the contract with these corrections initialed for the Town Board's review.

The motion was made by Linda Stratigos, seconded by Linda Karlsen, and passed by the board.

Discussions related to construction

Rich Tait's proposal and notes (from February's meeting) were passed around, and problems with the existing facilities and the location of the handicap ramp were discussed. The motion was made to accept the proposal with the following contingencies:

1. Money for this proposal be in the treasury's construction fund;
2. Arrangements for the lease and eventual long-range ownership of the GHS facilities are in place;
3. Initial payment for the R. A. Tait, LLC proposal will be paid after at a joint meeting of our committee with Rich and the architect and after our concerns are discussed and resolved.

The motion was made by Linda S, seconded by Christl, and passed by the board.

President's report (Gerry)

The board determined that our meetings would be held on the fourth Wednesday of each month, at 2:30 in the afternoon in order to plan for the coming Town Board meeting.

The motion was made by Linda K., seconded by Val, and passed by the board.

Treasurer’s report (Linda S)

Linda presented the monthly bills to be paid. The motion to approve was made by Linda K, seconded by Val, and passed by the board.

Linda reported that she is discussing our accounting needs with BQ Accountants in Cobleskill, a firm used by the Stamford Library.

Linda also reported that Nickerson’s is developing a coupon book, which will offer advertising and discount opportunities to their patrons. The program would cost GHS \$25 for the advertising opportunity and we also agree that the booklet would offer a 10% discount coupon for purchases in our gift shop. The motion to approve was made by Caroline, seconded by Christl, and passed by the board.

Linda provided the account balances as follows:

Checking = \$ 9,962.74
 Savings = \$ 77,156.20
 TriCounty = \$ 18,209.89
 Fundraising = \$ 2,257.68
 \$107,586.68

Invoices approved by Board on					
30-Mar-22					
March, 2022					
To	For	Amount	Notes	Check #	Date Paid
NYSEG		\$ 72.90			
MTC	Phone	\$ 58.89			
Amerigas	Propane March & April	\$ 1,231.22			
Linda Karlsen	Fundraising Expenses	\$ 207.34			
Tag Online	Web hosting	\$ 300.00			
Linda Stratigos	Bank boxes, paper, envelopes	\$ 68.64			
Total		\$ 1,938.99			
			716.35		
Amerigas	3100		2655.34		

The motion to approve was made by Linda K, seconded by Val, and passed by the board.

Fundraising Committee (Linda K)

Upcoming activities and meetings:

- 4/20 General meeting
- 5/18 General meeting (John Duda on Personal Post Cards of 1900–1920)
- 6/12 Gilboafest, with visit from 1903 Road Rally
- 6/15 Shopping bag auction (recommend people to donate their crafts)

- 7/20 Field trip to the Rockland Cider Works — Upstate (“the Cidery”)
- 7/31 Psychic Fair I (rain date 8/7)
- 8/17 Ice Cream Social, with music by The FisherCats
- 9/11 Psychic Fair II (rain date 9/18)
- 9/21 General meeting
- 10/19 General meeting
- 11/13 Holiday Fair
- 11/11 National Fossil Day
- 11/16 General meeting
- 12/14 Raffle & Bottle Auction (Tony VanGlad as auctioneer)

Linda is waiting to hear from the Ghost Hunters about another reveal or Big Foot lecture.

The motion was made by Carolyn, seconded by Linda S, and passed by the board.

Gift Shop Committee (Nelta)

- *Budget*: There is money in the budget for 2022 to purchase new or replacement merchandise. Linda S, Gerry, and Nelta are working on a database that will combine recording of sales, maintaining inventory, and recommend purchasing orders and pricing.
- *Gift shop committee*: Nelta is planning a meeting to expand the Gift Shop committee early in 2022. She will have the training for the product recording, inventory, and sales projection system at that time.
- *Tee shirts*: Nelta is researching online companies for competitive pricing, quality, and flexible quantities. She is also working with Linda K on appropriate T-shirts in coordination with local venues (e.g., a Psychic Trail tee, Zadock Pratt Museum, NYPA, and Best House.
- *Silver Forest jewelry*: Nelta will remove these items and explore ways of returning them or remaindering them.

The motion to approve Nelta’s report was made by Carolyn; second by Linda S; and passed by the board.

Membership Committee (Gerry)

The membership list for March was sent to the board prior to the meeting.

	Mar	Feb
Total memberships	366	342
Total lifetime memberships †, ††	116	116
Total annual memberships *, **, ***	260	227
Total households	283	269
Total annual households	122	121
Total lifetime households	161	148

is up from

Gerry pointed out that each of these numbers is up from last month.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m. (motion by Janette; second by Linda S).

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Thorn

Based on notes from Gerry