

**Gilboa Historical Society
Board of Directors
April 27, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 2:39 p.m.

Present: Lee Hudson, Linda Karlsen, Janette Reynolds, Christl Riedman, Val Riedman, Connie Ruehle, Gerry Stoner, Linda Stratigos, Kristen Wyckoff; Nelta Miller

Discussions with Town board

Gerry had signed the Town's lease agreement on behalf of GHS with corrections initialed for Town Board review and passed it to Alicia after our last board meeting. We have not received any final approvals from the Town, although we expect all delay is related to health issues.

We told the Town that a GHS subcommittee has scheduled a meeting with Rich Tait and the architect regarding an addition for a gallery and meeting room on the museum in addition to remediating critical issues with the existing structure.

Discussions related to construction

We have not met with Rich Tate or with the architect, pending a signed lease agreement from the Town. Tate proposal accepted (motion by Gerry; second by Kristen) 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 to be paid after a joint meeting with our committee, Tait, and the architect to discuss and resolve our concerns.

President's report (Gerry)

Gerry reported that Nick Juried is to be honored by the Schoharie County Chamber of Commerce at a dinner at the Old Tater Barn in Central Bridge in May. Individuals are invited to attend. Lee brought the board up to date about the backgrounds to this gala and the Gilboa Historical Society, Gilboa Museum, and Tri-County *Historical Views* as a prime sponsor. Dottie Pickett, accepting the award for Nick, will use a 2 foot by 3 foot foam board panel that we made for the dedication of the Nicholas J. Juried History Center, which we will have framed (for less than \$50) and then properly displayed on the History Center wall.

The Rockland Cider Works Upstate requested our written support for a

permanent Farm Winery License. The board voted (motion by Kristen; second by Linda S) to endorse.

The motion to approve the president's report was made by Christl; second by Connie; and passed by the board.

Treasurer's report (Linda S)

Linda S presented the monthly bills to be paid.

Linda S reported she is expanding her quest for an accounting service.

Linda S has implemented our support of Nickerson's coupon book and will try to measure the advertising and discount return for the gift shop by physically attaching each coupon to the individual sales slips.

The motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Kristen; second by Linda K; and passed by the board.

Fundraising Committee (Linda K)

Upcoming activities and meetings:

- 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)

The motion to approve the Fundraising report was made by Connie; second by Linda S; and passed by the board.

Gift Shop Committee (Nelta)

- *Tee shirts*: Nelta is searching for on-demand printers of 100% cotton tees.
- *Silver Forest jewelry* Nelta is planning a remainder sale of these items at Gilboa Fest (June 12) with final stock going into the Shopping Bag Auction on June 15.
- *Tour guides (volunteer and paid)*: Tour guides are scheduled to meet on May 6 at 4:30. Nelta expects about 12 volunteers and probably 6 to 8 paid tour guides who are likely to be students. The hourly pay is \$10 with 15 minutes to prepare and another 15 minutes to close the museum for the day. Thus we anticipate it costing \$50 per guide per day.

- *Tour guide training*: May 26 at 4:30 for role playing of greeting first-time and experienced patrons; salient introductions for each museum area; recording of all sales; promoting membership in GHS; improving tour guide operations (including debugging information in the tour guide manual); and making sure each patron leaves with a parting gift.
- *Record keeping*: The Tour guide manual will be fully operational by the Memorial Day weekend opening of the museum and gift shop. This includes the database and structure for keeping records.

The motion to approve Nelta's report was made by Christl; second by Kristen; and passed by the board.

Membership Committee (Gerry)

The membership list for March was sent to the board and a copy was placed in the Tour Guide book.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:43 p.m. (motion by Val; second by Linda S).

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Thorn

Based on notes from Gerry