

## **Gilboa Historical Society Annual Meeting October 18, 2023**

President Gerry Stoner called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.; 11 Society members were present (5 Board members and 6 additional Society members, constituting a quorum).

### **Property transfer and construction**

Gerry reported that we haven't heard anything new from the Society's lawyer about the status of the purchase of the property from the Town. The Town board had reported that the survey it received from its surveyor had items to be amended before the Town could approve the paperwork.

Gerry distributed sketches of the proposed addition, explaining that some issues are still not settled — the costs, the location of a possible lift, and so on — in addition to the survey issues. A group from the Society's board plans to meet with the architect to move the plans forward.

### **President's report**

Gerry asked for input regarding when to meet during the upcoming months, when people seem to prefer not traveling out at night. He asked that people consider weekend afternoons as a possible alternative. Preferences were discussed, with a majority in favor of broadcasting meetings via Zoom.

### **Secretary's report**

Minutes had been prepared, approved, distributed and ready for posting on the Society's website.

Ellen also updates a working calendar for posting as details are fed to her.

### **Treasurer's report**

Michael reported that the Society has about \$450,000 in two CDs as a building fund and about \$58,633 in its four NBT bank accounts.

We had gotten an extension to file our 2022 taxes.

Michael and Gerry have the two keys for the post office box.

The board voted to accept the Treasurer's report (motion by Gerry; second by Linda K).

## **Refreshments**

The Society took a half-hour break to enjoy refreshments. Paul prepared and served gumbo. Amy, Dottie, and Ellen brought cider, fruit, nuts, cheese, cookies, and chips, which were also enjoyed by all.

## **Bylaws**

Changes to the bylaws that were approved by the Board were distributed to Society members at the September general meeting and again at this Annual meeting, to be voted on for adoption by Society members. Small changes, including moving the Facilities Committee from being described as a subset of the Museum Committee, were made and approved by the Society members present. A motion to adopt the revised bylaws passed (motion by Gerry; second by Michael.) The newly adopted bylaws will be posted to the website.

## **Election**

Terms expire for three current directors: Christl, Gerry, and Linda S, each of whom agreed to serve another three-year term. Ballots were distributed, submitted, and counted. There were no write-in candidates and the three incumbents were re-elected to the Board.

The Board voted to appoint Paul Russell to the seat vacated by Connie Ruehle's resignation.

At the first Board meeting following this Annual meeting, Board members will elect their Officers for one-year terms, with a maximum of five years in a specific Officer position (motion by Gerry; second by Linda S).

## **50–50 raffle**

The handsome newly renovated lottery drum was spun to select the winner of the 50–50 raffle for which we sold tickets over the past months. The winners of \$135 were David and Joyce Barber, who had recently made a generous donation to the Society and became lifetime members!

## **Committees reporting**

### **Archives and Collection Management**

Lee reported on correspondence between Board of Water Supply and authorized relatives resulting in the Society's receipt of about 99 deeds of cemetery records. We look forward to having appropriate space to organize the Society's collections once the addition is built.

**Education**

Personnel at Gilboa-Conesville Central School has changed, giving us a good opportunity to make new contacts and to encourage interaction between the school and the museum.

**Exhibits**

We recognize Exhibits as a separate committee, rather than being subsumed as part of the Museum Committee.

**Fundraising (and Advocacy)**

Linda K will provide Gerry with updated details for the raffle tickets and mailing for the holiday baskets, which Gerry will layout and print. She'll also schedule a stuffing session for preparing and mailing them.

Paul suggested a fundraiser offering soup for sale. It's been a popular moneymaker elsewhere. He and Linda K will discuss as they work up other fall fundraisers.

**Adjournment:** The Annual meeting was adjourned (motion by Linda K; second by Connie) at 7:33.

**Upcoming meeting**

**Wednesday, October 25, 1 p.m.:** Board meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Thorn

Board Secretary