

**Gilboa Historical Society
Board of Directors
November 29, 2023**

President Gerry Stoner called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. Present were Directors Lee Hudson, Linda Karlsen, Janette Reynolds, Christl Riedman, Val Riedman, Paul Russell, Michael Shiffer, Gerry Stoner, Ellen Thorn, and Kristen Wyckoff; absent were Linda Stratigos and Museum Director Nelta Miller.

Discussions relating to property transfer and construction

At the November 13 Town board meeting, Supervisor Alicia Terry reported that the survey needs to be corrected to incorporate easements and other updates. Steve Sibbern needs to get the specifics from the Town's attorney, Joann Crum. Crum will then share the revised paperwork with GHS attorney Tal Rappleyea, who will pass it to the GHS board for review and, most likely, approval.

Linda S talked with the builder, Rich Tait, and will forward suggestions and our preferences to the builder and the architect, so they can project schedules and costs for the addition. Gerry said that the elevator, the storage room, and the kitchenette will be in the new space, which will also accommodate about 60 seats when set up for a lecture event.

Kristen reported that the water was tested and was clear of bacteria and arsenic!

President's report

After Gerry spoke at the Town's board meeting on November 13, the Town board voted to increase its support of the Gilboa Historical Society by \$1,000 before approving its 2024 budget, bringing its financial support to \$2,500. Thank you, Gilboa Town Board.

Supervisor Terry had contacted other towns in the county to ask about their support of their historical societies and reported that two of the eight municipalities that responded reported financial support. Of course, most other towns have many more local venues they can support within their home range.

The board voted to approve the President's report (motion by Kristen; second by Michael).

Secretary's report

Ellen had prepared and distributed minutes from the October 25 board meeting for review, approval, and posting.

The board approved the minutes (motion by Michael; second by Linda K).

Treasurer's report

Michael provided the NBT bank statement balances ending October 31, 2023.

- Checking (account ending #7602) \$ 13,248.56
 - Savings (MMA account ending #3502) \$ 34,876.69
 - *Catskill Tri-County Historical Views* (account ending #4542) \$ 8,257.09
 - Fundraising (checking account ending #2298) \$ 2,550.87
- \$ 58,933.21**

In addition, the bank has CDs as a building fund:

- CD 9349 matures 12/23/2023 \$411,411.15
 - CD 0290 matures 1/9/2024 \$ 51,259.27
- \$462,679.42**

(Michael reported the total through November 28 of these six accounts as \$525,678.42, up from \$521,612.63 the month before.)

Interest earned, year-to-date (through October) on MMA #3502 = \$488.22.

On November 9, a quorum of board members (Lee, Linda K, Michael, Gerry, Linda S (via phone), and Ellen met to review and approve the paperwork in connection with the 990 tax form completed by GHS's accounting firm, MMS (Mostert, Manzanero & Scott LLP).

Michael supplied a year-to-date P&L report, through the same period as the bank statement. Total income through October 2023 was \$66,398.12. Total expense through October 2023 was \$30,845.77, resulting in a net income of \$35,552.35. (The most recent budget projects an annual income of \$69,000 and an annual expense of \$35,153.)

The board accepted the Treasurer's report (motion by Linda K; second by Kristen).

New business

The board voted (motion by Gerry; second by Christl) to purchase a \$250 gift card to be given to a family that is part of the Gilboa-Conesville School District, and designated by the school administration. This is instead of the collection of items for the food baskets we previously donated to local families.

Committees reporting

Archives and Collection Management

In 2011, Karen Cuccinello listed books and documents in the GHS collection, which Ellen categorized and updated in 2015. Ellen will redistribute the document list to the board as requested by Kristen.

Facilities

Sunrise Propane is scheduled to install their tanks to replace those from

Amerigas and begin providing service to the museum on December 6.

Paul will join the Facilities Committee.

Finance

A 990N has been filed.

Lee, Michael, Gerry, Linda S, and Ellen will meet to work on an operating budget for 2024.

Fundraising

The psychics would like to arrange another session.

We'd like to offer a Wellness program, using county as well as other local resources.

Grant writing

Linda S and Michael will work on writing grants to raise funds.

Gerry wrote and submitted a final report required for the 2023 CREATE funding and has passed the history of this grant to the Grant-writing Committee.

Membership

Gerry provided an up-to-date membership report.

Total memberships	311
Total lifetime memberships †, ††	126
Total annual memberships *, **, ***	185
Total households	242
Total lifetime households	131
Total annual households	111

Kristen needs updated information to correct the website contact info.

Publications

Linda S is encouraged to create a short newsletter to be sent to the membership two or three times a year to share Society business and activities.

Gerry is researching a replacement printer for the Stein book, as the printer that supplied the four previous printings no longer does color work.

Programs

Gerry will continue to coordinate the public programs. The entire board is encouraged to present suggestions for future programs.

Tour guides

The board agreed that a regular \$50 shift for a tour guide will be from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with the museum open from 12 noon to 4 p.m. This information will be posted to the school's Facebook page to encourage students to get involved with the Society and to work toward earning a GHS scholarship.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m. (motion by Christl; second by Ellen).

Upcoming meetings

Wednesday, December 27, 1 p.m.: Board meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Thorn
Board Secretary