

**Gilboa Historical Society
Board of Directors
December 27, 2023**

President Gerry Stoner called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m. Present were Directors Lee Hudson, Linda Karlsen, Christl Riedman, Val Riedman, Michael Shiffer, Gerry Stoner, Linda Stratigos, Ellen Thorn, and Kristen Wyckoff; absent were Janette Reynolds, Paul Russell, and Museum Director Nelta Miller.

Discussions relating to property transfer and construction

Lee, Michael, and Gerry attended the December 11 Town board meeting, where discussions regressed to positions held a year ago: that GHS would accept the Town drilling a well, but that independent access and parking is still problematic. The Town does not want GHS to use the Town garage driveway or parking space except for major events and with facility-use permit requests and special event insurance.

Before making a commitment to Tait, we need to estimate our additional operating costs and project how to fund our annual expense. This involves researching and itemizing the costs of maintaining various wish list and infrastructure items. Michael will get an insurance premium estimate, which is likely the main increase, from insurance agent Tina Crawford.

Costs for plowing, mowing, landscaping, painting and repairs need estimates.

Some board members will arrange to meet with Gardens by Trista to come up with possible landscaping plans and cost estimates, depending on where roads and parking may be situated.

President's report

Gerry needs board members to mentor volunteers in each of our committees.

The board should meet to discuss and vote on how we want to move forward regarding purchase of property from Town, new construction and renovations, and plans for funding the facilities. A date of January 10 at 1 p.m. was set for a Special meeting for this discussion.

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

Secretary's report

Ellen had prepared and distributed minutes from the November 29 board meeting for review, approval, and posting. A corrected set was distributed on December 20.

The board approved the revised minutes (motion by Gerry; second by Michael).

Treasurer's report

Michael provided the NBT bank statement balances ending November 30, 2023.

• Checking (account ending #7602)	\$ 14,104.29
• Savings (MMA account ending #3502)	\$ 34,941.19
• <i>Catskill Tri-County Historical Views</i> (account ending #4542)	\$ 8,331.09
• Fundraising (checking account ending #2298)	\$ <u>4,652.87</u>
	\$ 62,029.44

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

• CD 9349 matured 12/23/2023	\$412,896.18
• CD 0290 matures 1/9/2024	\$ <u>51,444.30</u>
	\$464,340.48

The total value through November of these six accounts is \$526,369.92, up from \$525,678.42 the month before.

Interest earned, year-to-date (through November) on MMA #3502 = \$552.72.

Michael recommends we purchase a 5-month CD at 5.05% to replace CD 9349. It will mature at the end of May, having earned about \$8,200.

Michael supplied a year-to-date P&L report, through the same period as the bank statement. Total income through November 2023 was \$73,272.36. Total expense through November 2023 was \$34,024.86, resulting in a net income of \$39,247.50.

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

Committees reporting

Archives and Collection Management

Kristen asked Ellen to redistribute the list of books and documents that Ellen organized in 2015. It needs updating as a result of items donated or disappearing.

The committee is looking forward to having dedicated collection space and to encouraging our older families to donate artifacts.

Exhibits

The committee plans to meet to review and revise displays so that they're ready before the new season.

Facilities

Sunrise Propane installed their tanks and filled them on December 6.

Kristen and Michael reviewed plants and markers for damage and replacement. The board approved replacing four markers at \$85 each (motion by Kristen; second by Michael). Kristen will get an estimate for plant replacement.

Finance

Previously, the board voted to donate a \$250 holiday gift card to one or two families in the Gilboa-Conesville school district (in lieu of the food baskets we used to donate), but we're now told by the school administration that they have no recipients. Linda S will pursue arrangements with the school.

Lee, Michael, Gerry, Linda S, and Ellen will work on a 2024 operating budget. A list of projected events and their costs is needed to populate the expense budget.

Fundraising

The psychics would like to arrange another session.

As a summer fundraiser, Linda K suggested a large basket of cheer, or a small basket of cheer, or a package of raffle tickets.

Gift shop

Kristen will send Linda K a black and white design for a tee shirt.

Nelta is making progress with the gift shop inventory spreadsheet.

Grant writing

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

Membership

Gerry provided an up-to-date membership report.

Total memberships	330
Total lifetime memberships †, ††	128
Total annual memberships *, **, ***	202
Total households	257
Total lifetime households	133
Total annual households	124

Kristen will have the website carry corrected contact information.

Programs and events

All board members are encouraged to present suggestions for future programs.

Gerry will continue to coordinate the public programs. A calendar of upcoming events will be updated as frequently as possible and widely disseminated. Linda S will use this list as part of the contents to be included in the new newsletter.

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

Kristen spoke with a licensed guide about a Gilboa Naturalists program.

We'd like to decorate a tree at NYPA next December, and be represented as one of the active local nonprofits.

We'd like to explore being able to sell food at events.

Tentative schedule:

May 25: Season opening

June 2: Psychic fair

June 19: Shopping bag auction
July: Field trip: date and place to come
August 21: Ice cream social
September: to come
October: to come
November 17: Holiday boutique
December 1: Tree decorating at NYPA
December 11: Bottle auction

Plaques

We've been including a one-year membership in GHS as a benefit to those purchasing a plaque.

Lee has a master list of plaques.

Photos of the plaque wall will be posted to the Facebook page and other sites.

Tour guide training should include encouraging people to purchase plaques.

Publications

Linda S will create a short newsletter to be sent to the membership two or three times a year to share Society business and activities. She needs an updated calendar of events to include in an upcoming issue.

Gerry found an excellent replacement printer for the Stein book, as the printer that supplied the four previous printings no longer does color work.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m. (motion by Christl; second by Gerry).

Upcoming meetings

Wednesday, January 10, 1 p.m.: Special board meeting

Wednesday, January 24, 1 p.m.: Board meeting

Monday, February 12, 6:30 p.m.: Gilboa Town board

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Thorn
Board Secretary