

W-PHS Board Meeting Minutes
April 23, 2018 7:06-8:39pm

Attending: J. Walker, N. Hance, S.J. Evans, I. Bierer J. McCabe, K. McCabe, P. Holland, D. Holland, S. S. Zeman, L. Perkins, D. Parts, C. Kline

Absent: D. Frohlich, L. Lewis, L. Parmelee, L. Youngman, P. Evans, A. Dodge

Guests: John Westerberg, Alex Reid, Brooks Tenny and Chip Stevens (7:52-8:37PM)

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM by President Jackie Walker

Minutes from the meeting of March 26, 2018 were previously distributed by L. Parmelee; no discussion; motion to accept the minutes was made by N. Hance, seconded by L. Perkins. Passed unanimously.

Officers reports:

Presidents Report: Jackie Walker

Jackie has received feedback that the W-PHS house door was found unlocked on several occasions. The dead bolt is the functioning lock; request was made to check that the door is secure when leaving the premises.

Tonight's agenda includes a presentation by John Westerberg; Jackie has previously distributed a copy of notes he supplied relating to his several requests, for the Board to review.

Treasurer's Report: Debbie Parts

As of 4/23/18:

Savings Account Balance: \$24,387.90

Checking Account Balance: \$7,192.92

Follow-up on Post Office Account issue: there is apparently some discrepancy between Post Masters: some do not seem to be aware that a W-PHS Account exists. This has been resolved.

Deb has met with Julie and created definitions needed within the chart of accounts and provided copies of their work for the Board. Next step: she will meet with J. Walker separately to review and finalize.

Corresponding Secretary: Linda Perkins

Thank you note sent to J. Sonneville for work on St. Peter kiosk; get well sent to L. Youngman.

Recording Secretary: L. Parmelee absent

Vice President's Report: Nan Hance

Preparations are underway for W-PHS 61st Annual **Homecoming** July 20-22. Plans for 5-K Race, Parade, Quilt Show, Food Trucks, Park Vendors, Raffle, Concert, discussed in detail. To date there are 11 Vendors who have registered for space in the park. Jim McCaig is helping to line up Parade participants. Nan distributed Raffle Tickets to Board members to sell and reviewed details. A hand out of 2018 Homecoming Highlights as of April 22, 2018 was distributed. A complete event list and food options will appear in the next newsletter.

JULY 20-22, 2018

FRIDAY, JULY 20th

Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society House 1-4pm | 4130 Mill St.
Discover the Captain Threep and St. Peter Exhibits and Visit Gift Shop
5K Captain's & Sailor's Run & Walk⁶ Registration starts 8am | Race starts 8:30am
Race starts and ends at B. Farman Park or Lake Rd
Community "Bond" Fire 8pm Pultneyville Mariners Club on Crescent Beach
A community event hosted by the Pultneyville Mariners Club for race participants, race sponsors & community residents
Princess Ida⁷ 8pm at Historic Gates Hall | 4107 Lake Rd
A Gilbert & Sullivan Production by Gateringer Company Ltd. For Tickets visit gateshall.com

SATURDAY, JULY 21st

Open Air Market & Antique Show	9am-4pm Centennial Park; Corner of Hamilton St./Lake Rd.
Featuring Antiques, Vintage, Vintage-Inspired, Repurposed, Hand-Crafted Goods, Specialty Food/Beverage Products . . . and more!	
Quilt Show	9am - 4pm Pultneyville Reformed Church 7784 Hamilton St
	<i>Discover the art and pleasure of quilting, shop quilt-related vendors and enjoy quilting demonstrations</i>
Antique Automobile Show	9am Reformed Church Parking lot between W-PES and The Dell
Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society House	9am - 4 pm 4130 Hill St
	<i>Discover the Captain Throop and St. Peter Exhibits and Visit Gift Shop</i>
Methodist Church Auction	10am 1771 Hamilton St
Guided Hike at Cornwall Preserve	10:30am Cornwall Preserve 3375 Lake Rd
History Scavenger Hunt	10:30am- 12:30pm Starts/ends at Historical Society House 4130 Hill St
<i>A family friendly</i> activity; pick up maps and get stamped at each stop; return to Historical Society House to get prizes	
Pultneyville Walking Tour	1pm Departs W-PES back to Centennial Park at Hill St./Lake Rd.

~~~HOMECOMING PARADE 2pm~~~

SUNDAY, JULY 22<sup>n</sup>

**Community Church Service** Sam Pultneyville Reformed Church Pavilion 17784 Hamilton St  
**Williamson-Pultneyville Historical Society House** 10am-1pm & 2-4 pm 4130 Mill St  
*Discover the Captain Throop and St. Peter Exhibits and Visit Gift Shop*  
**Community Band Concert** 1pm Centennial Park, corner of Hamilton St/Lake Rd  
*Featuring the Ira Dequie Community Band*  
**Princess Ida\*\*** 3pm Historic Gates Hall (4107 Lake Rd)  
*I Gilbert & Sullivan Production by Gatesinger Company Inc. For Tickets visit [gatesinger.com](http://gatesinger.com)*

## Committee Reports

**Buildings:** Sue Jane Evans/ Jackie Walker

Dave Froelich and Sue Jane have investigated options regarding Society's Insurance: hand out was provided regarding their recommendation as follows:

Liberty Mutual Ins Co

## Oswego County

| Area                           | Current<br>10/18/2017-10/18/2018                | Proposal/ Recommendation<br>4/25/18-4/25/2019                                                               |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Annual Premium                 | \$5,185.73 (refund \$1980.16)                   | \$5651.89                                                                                                   |
| Bldg Coverage 4130 Mill        | \$323,412                                       | \$324,00                                                                                                    |
| Contents Mill Street           | \$5,824                                         | \$15,000insureds property, \$15,000 others property in our care/custody \$35,000 fine arts owned by insured |
| Bldg Coverage 4107 Lake Rd     | \$186,585                                       | \$450,000                                                                                                   |
| Contents coverage 4107 Lake Rd | none                                            | \$15,000                                                                                                    |
| Valuation Replacement Cost     |                                                 |                                                                                                             |
| Loss Deductible                | \$500                                           | \$500                                                                                                       |
| Co-Ins Clause                  | 100% replacement cost value at time of loss *** | 90%                                                                                                         |
| Commercial Liability           | \$1,000,000 per occurrence/2,000,000 aggregate  | \$1,000,000 per occurrence/2,000,000 aggregate                                                              |

\*\*\* bldg underinsured for replacement cost, does not meet co insurance clause. If loss, we forfeit \$63,000 for being underinsured/violation of the 100% non-insurance clause.

After discussion, motion was made to go with a plan proposed through Oswego County Mutual Insurance Company. Moved by N. Hance, seconded by I. Bierer, passed unanimously. Next Step: Sue Jane to implement cancellation of existing policy and notification to have new policy to take effect 4/25/18.

A suggestion was made by N. Hance that the society plan to review insurance coverage every 3 years. The Board was in agreement with this suggestion.

**Day of Caring - Sue Jane Evans**

May 10, beginning at 9 AM; approximately 8 Volunteers from Xerox will come, along with W-PHS Volunteers; an email blast to remind members will be sent by S. Zeman. All are asked to bring their own tools.

**Bero Report - Gates Hall** – No response to date.

**Apple Blossom Parade - Jackie Walker**

Discussion regarding participation. Perry Howland will follow-up as to whether the Trolley can be readied for the Parade and details re: parade participation.

**By-Laws Assignment status - Jackie Walker**

An initial meeting was held by Jackie and Dave. Other committee members not able to be present were Lenore and Gary. A first pass review of the document was made noting areas for discussion. Follow-up meeting is planned for May.

**Nominating Committee - Cheryl Kline**

A potential candidate for Recording Secretary is under consideration and will be meeting with Jackie and Nan tomorrow. Dottie Howland has communicated that she will step down as Program Chair in the Fall. Candidates are being sought for V.P. and Program Chair.

**Membership - Kathy & Jim McCaig**

There are 2 new members; bringing totals to 107 individual and 32 business. Four remain unpaid; follow-up is in process. Reminder of membership campaign of “60” to solicit one new member.

**Publicity -Jackie**

Lorraine gave verbal report to Jackie: There are now 464 followers on FaceBook; article on upcoming Program “The Heart of the Bennetts” has appeared in Wayne Co. Times; also due to appear in Williamson Sun.

**Property Committee - Sue Jane Evans**

Weeding has begun; front Gate was broken and has been removed; anticipate replacement later in summer. Estimates on repair of the barn will be obtained.

### **Archives - Irene Bierer for Lenore**

St Peter items have all been removed from the basement (exception for several very large items), photographed and re-located in storage closet in archives room. Throop and Santee family items are being processed. The Cuyler painting has been taken to the restorer. Ann Hotchkiss is working with the Committee and has restored bindings on two Throop books.

### **Newsletter - Sandy Zeman**

Next Newsletter is on schedule.

### **Programs - Dottie Howland**

Grange program was well attended; included tour of the building.  
Bennett Program for May 2nd; June program will be at the Williamson Hardware.

### **Presentation by John Westerberg: (8:10pm-8:37pm)**

John brought Alex Reid, Brooks Tenney and Chip Stevens as guests; the four men constitute the "Monday Morning Breakfast Club", who meet locally each week.

The following proposals were distributed by handout.

1. To honor and recognize John Ashbery, distinguished Pulitzer Prize winning poet. He was raised in Pultneyville. He was considered one of "america's greatest 20th century poets. He wrote over 20 volumes of "soulful, teasing, delicate lines".  
It is fitting to establish the name of the present library as The John Ashbery Memorial Library. There will be opportunities and options to collect and preserve his poetry and prose. To enhance these qualities by lecture, seminar and display as time and effort affords. It becomes a permanent collecting intention.
2. Recognize and honor Roland "Chip" Stevens by collecting his work over a period of time. To save articles, notices, criticism, programs and exhibit notices of his work. The library would furnish publicity for all local exhibits.
3. Recognize the Monday Morning Breakfast Club, a weekly gathering at The Candy Kitchen in Williamson. It's composed of Chip Stevens, artist and architect, Brooks Tenney, retired design engineer, poet and avid published writer. John Westerberg, professional researcher, appraiser, and authority on books, manuscripts, and related ephemera. Alex Reid, retired design engineer, poet, published writer and story teller. The weekly meetings tend to keep our spirit and enthusiasm at a high pitch. A share of the writings each week are delivered to the local newspaper along with a copy of Chip Steven's paintings.
4. Begin to accept writings of the two poets as permanent archive.
5. Join with the Monday morning art club in publishing plans for the new art and poetry album which is in the proof stage. Arrange a financial program benefitting the art group and The Historical Society.
6. Important announcement to make.

Discussion highlight's:

\*Recognition for John Ashberry, who grew up in the local area. We have nothing of his in our archive collection.

\*Recognition for Chip Stevens with displays and publicity of his paintings.

\*Include works of A. Reid and B. Tenney in W-PHS Archive.

\*Assist with sales and promotion of a soon to be published book by the above-named group. 20% of proceeds would go to the W-PHS. They anticipate the book will be in the \$25. - \$30. price range; they anticipate creating an annual publication.

\*Proposal for W-PHS to seek and sponsor an Annual Wayne Co. Art Fair. John has seen similar activities work out well in other parts of the country. He has not contacted Wayne Council for the Arts.

Jackie requested before the next meeting that Board members think through the proposal and discuss it with each other. This will be on next month's agenda so that we will finalize our position on these proposals and Jackie can send a response to the group.

Business concluded, a motion to adjourn was made by J. McCaig, seconded by N. Hance; the Meeting was adjourned at 8:39 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Kline  
Acting as Secretary for Linda Parmelee  
4/25/2018