



The Woodbury Historical Society

Rushmore Memorial Building
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WHS Trustee Meeting Minutes – 2 pages
June 1, 2024

Officers and Trustees present: Alex Prizgintas, Neil Crouse, Millicent Treloar, Leslie Rose, Walt Stanfield Jr., Bill Doyle, June Menkens, Viktor Prizgintas (8 of 14, a quorum). Others present: Irma Escallier, Village of Harriman Historian; Jim Nelson, Town of Monroe Historian

Meeting was called to order by President Alex Prizgintas with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

Minutes of the March 9, 2024 meeting were read out loud by Alex Prizgintas. No corrections or discussion followed. Bill Doyle motioned to approve, Walt Stanfield, Jr. seconded. All approved.

Treasurer's report was given by Alex Prizgintas. Total Account Balance on 4/30/24 was \$38,318.16. Line overview attached. Report approved by all after no discussion or corrections. Millicent Treloar motioned to approve, seconded by Viktor Prizgintas.

Committee Reports:

Cemetery – Wilke cemetery, near Harriman train station, is on property owned by the MTA. The grounds need maintenance. Alex will reach out to the MTA.

Collections – WHS received three more donations of artifacts since March 9: 1) two circa 1910 marching band drums from the Hunter family; 2) two framed maps of 1903 Woodbury from Colleen Pierce; and 3) early 1950s aerial photos of Woodbury before Woodbury Commons was built, from the Gobrecht family [former Highland Mills residents].

Gatehouse (GH) – Work on reopening is progressing:

- GH interior painting is completed; Felix Colon donated his services to clean the carpet and tile floors. Only some small detail cleaning/fixes remain. The Boy Scouts have done a good job maintaining the Carriage House.
- Joanne anticipates a “soft opening” in 2024 with the scheduled July 14 talk by Ray Kelly.

Membership – There are roughly 116 member names (individuals/families/businesses) as of June 1; some 67 are renewals for 2024.

Public Relations/Publications – Local newspapers have been giving WHS events substantial coverage. The WHS website is up to date but for the most recent postings. Alex will add a “Thank you” corner to list individuals who donate services and/or collection items, such as Felix Colon, Bill Doyle, and the Hunters.

Scholarship – Winners will be announced at the June 6, 2024 MWSD awards ceremony. They will be announced in the WHS Summer Newsletter and Trustee meeting minutes, both anticipated by late July.

Calendar – Bob McCue has given Alex all content. A layout is underway.

Old Business:

Display hardware and equipment for the annual December Train Show are now stored in Woodbury Parks Department buildings. John and Dina Kassel returned the \$100 storage fee and were happy to provide a temporary storage solution.

The April 28, 2024 (noon to 4PM, Senior Center) “50 Items that Tell the Story of Southeastern Orange County” event – This event attracted some 200 to 250 people.

The “NYS Pollinators: What’s All the Buzz About Plants” presentation on Sunday, May 19, 2024 at the Earl Reservoir Community Center drew some 40 to 50 attendees.

July events (2) – To commemorate the Rushmore Building turning 100-years-old in 2024, WHS will hold an extended open house on Saturday, July 27, 2024, approximately from 10:30AM to 3 or 3:30PM, with selected photos and artifacts on display. And, the “Orange County Trolleys” talk at the GH Carriage House is firmly scheduled for Sunday, July 14, 2024 at 2PM.

New Business:

WHS 2024 Spring Newsletter – Completed and ready to mail about June 3. .

Building improvements – The Rushmore historic marker was repainted. We expect to have a new hanging sign outside of the front door by July 27.

Summer college intern – Kayden Manson, a library science student at SUNY Oneonta, will be creating a database of WHS artifacts (we have one for the genealogy files) and hopefully also an index of subject files.

WHS podcasts – The podcast “A Walk Through Woodbury “ was recently ranked in the 20 best local history podcasts by the digital marketing company, Feedspot. The rankings are based on the number of followers.

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned. Viktor Prizgintas motioned, seconded by Bill Doyle. All approved.

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Treasurer's Report

Month Ending:

April 30, 2024

Gatehouse Checking			
Opening Balance		\$	859.00
Deposits	\$	90.00	
Transfers	\$	-	
Expenses	\$	(580.20)	
Ending Balance		\$	368.80

Gatehouse Savings			
Opening Balance		\$	6,901.22
Deposits	\$	-	
Transfers	\$	-	
Interest	\$	3.61	
Ending Balance		\$	6,904.83

Historical Society Checking			
Opening Balance		\$	729.73
Deposits	\$	270.00	
Transfers	\$	-	
Expenses	\$	(78.57)	
Ending Balance		\$	921.16

Historical Society Savings			
Opening Balance		\$	25,310.24
Deposits	\$	-	
Transfers	\$	-	
Interest	\$	13.28	
Ending Balance		\$	25,323.52

Scholarship Savings			
Opening Balance		\$	4,729.85
Deposits	\$	70.00	
Bounced Check/Bank Fee	\$	-	
Transfers	\$	-	
Interest	\$	-	
Ending Balance		\$	4,799.85

TOTAL CASH ON HAND		\$	38,318.16
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