

Raymond Historical Society
Board of Directors Meeting
August 17, 2023

Attendance: Kathleen Hoelzel, David Hoelzel, Linda Hoelzel, Art Wolinsky, Marge Desjardins, Terrie Dolan, Sally Paradis, Dennis Garnham and Kathy McDonald.

Stan Hunt, president of Ray-Fre Senior Center, attended the meeting.

Kathleen Hoelzel called the meeting to order at 2:20 PM.

1. Minutes – Minutes of the Board of Directors (BOD) meetings of May 25, 2023 and August 3, 2023 needed to be approved.

Motion: By Art Wolinsky, duly seconded by David Hoelzel to accept the minutes of the May 25th BOD Meeting.

Voted in the Affirmative to accept the BOD minutes of May 25th .

Motion: By Art Wolinsky, duly seconded by Terrie Dolan to accept the minutes of the August 3rd BOD Meeting.

Voted in the Affirmative to accept the BOD minutes of August 3rd .

2. Pancake Breakfast – Marge Desjardins stated that she was all set for Saturday. Kathy Hoelzel will call Jonathan Woods to make sure he is all set for Saturday. Dennis Garnham said he would be available for set up and anything else that needs to be done. Marge said she will be at the Depot between 6:30 and 6:45 to set up. The Pancake Breakfast will run from 7:30 - 11:00 AM.

3. Treasurer's Report – Marge Desjardins read the August Treasurer's Report. See attached.

Gile School – Closed
Brick Acct. (Checking) \$13,287.75

Checking Acct. Closed \$22,859.41
(plus \$2,140.59 from Brick Account)

Opened CD at M&T Bank \$25,000.00
Term: (1 year at 5.50%) matures 08/14/2024

Total: \$38,287.75

4. Dues

Discussion on how to remind members to pay their dues and when we should purge members who haven't paid from the member list.

Suggestions included a reminder to members who haven't paid their dues by May 31st. We could also put a notice in the Newsletter of when dues are due and also on our Facebook page and website. Terrie Dolan suggested the notice below:

“Annual dues cover the period of May 1st to April 30th and are due and payable by May 31st of each year. Any dues that are still in arrears as of September 1st in any year will result in the individual being dropped, without notice, from membership”.

Motion: by Dennis Garnham, duly seconded by Sally Paradis to send out a newsletter the first week in April with a reminder that dues are due May 1st.

Voted in the Affirmative to send out a notice the first week of April with a reminder that dues are due May 1st.

The newsletter should also let people know that dues are as follows:

Single - \$15./Yr. Family - \$25./Yr. Lifetime - \$100.

Art will fix the current membership application with the correct amounts and put it on the website.

Diane Debruyckere has stated in the past that she would do a Newsletter. Terrie Dolan said she would do the newsletter if no one else is doing it.

5. Events

a. Grout Farm Hike – Terrie has reached out to Mike Edwards with tentative dates of October 7th or 14th. She will let us know if either of those dates are good for Mr. Edwards.

b. Open House – The historical society will hold the annual Open House and Chili Cook-off on September 9th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Kathy Hoelzel contacted George Plante about the car show that is held each year and he said the car show will be held on the Common on September 9th. Hopefully, some of the attendees to the car show will make their way down to the Depot during our open house.

Kathy McDonald said the Chili Cook-Off will be held during the open house from 10:00AM to 2:00 PM.

Someone suggested we might want to have a bake sale during the open house.

c. Fremont Carriage House – We were invited to go back to Fremont again to tour the carriage house. Since we have a lot of activities this fall, maybe, we should go in the spring.

- d. Family Fun Day 10/14/2023 – The organizers of Family Fun Day have asked if the society can bring the old fire truck to the event. Dave Hoelzel will check on this.
- e. Harvest Supper – The Annual Harvest Supper will be held on October 28, 2023. Sally Paradis will check to see if the Congregational Church is available for that date.
- f. 50th Anniversary of Depot Purchase – Discussion of what we should do and when. It was suggested we might want to do something during the Open House. Sally Paradis will ask Dana Zulager if she can put something together.

Motion: By Dennis Garnham, duly seconded by Kath McDonald to combine the 50th anniversary of the depot purchase with the open house.

Voted in the Affirmative to combine the depot purchase with the open house.

- 6. Ventilation of Buildings – Kathy Hoelzel said we should do the small buildings and hold off on the big building for now.
- 7. Scholarship – Someone asked if we had an established protocol for the scholarship. Kathy Hoelzel said she would check. Betty Goldthwaite should know so we need to check with her.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on Thursday, August 31st at 2:00 PM.

The next regular Historical Society Meeting will be held on September 7th at 6:30 PM. Dana Zulager and Susan Hilchey will give a talk on the Hutchinson Theater.

Motion: By Terrie Dolan, duly seconded by Art Wolinsky to adjourn the BOD meeting of August 17, 2023.

Voted in the Affirmative to adjourn the BOD meeting of August 17, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Hoelzel

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