**AFTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Jan.3, 2024 Board Meeting at the Afton Museum

The January 3, 2024 Board Meeting of the Afton Historical Society was called to order at 11:05 AM.

**Present:** Paul Stack, Destiny Case Tracy DeMatteo Daryl Mulwane, Sheila Mulwane; Historian: Melanie Hager Mueller, Excused: Barb Johnson; Guests: Floyd & Fran Briggs, Emma Mueller, Jeremiah Santiago, Renae Finch, , James DeMatteo, Maryann Palmetier, Elisa Richardson, Alton Prentice, Angelina Mueller, Jay Hager. and Tracy DeMatteo, Dennis Jeffers, Wendy Caldiero, Nick Caldiero.

**Secretary’s Report:** The Minutes of the Nov, 1 2023, meeting were accepted as written.

**Treasurer’s report:**

* Daryl reported the Dec. 31, 2023, figures. The balance in the Money Market Account was $12,975.01. Income for the month was $400.00 and Expenditures were $717.71. The balance in the Checking Account on Jan 1 was $4,880.29 The NBT CD balance is $5,089.71. The AST shares balance as of 9/15/23 was 400.009 shares. The report was placed on file for review.

**Work in the Museum:**

* Inventory and filing continue.
* Continue making labels for our farm equipment. The pegboard in the “Carpenter’s area” of the barn needs painting.
* Continue sorting the non-reference books that were taken from the shelves in the workroom.
* New Building:

1. Brian Miller will give an estimate for the repair of the back deck and stairway.
2. Tim Roach has given an estimate for the electrical work. Need to review it with him and determine a date when it can be done.
3. The painting of the boards exposed when the old front deck was taken down will be done in the spring.

* We need a ramp wedge we replace the bottom board on the handicap ramp. Alton Prentice volunteered to work on this.
* Brian Miller will give an estimate for repairing the steps down from the barn to the farm equipment area.

**Visits to the Museum:** None

**Donations:**

* Nick Caldiero donated several old kitchen utensils, including an A&J children’s eggbeater. These will need to be accessioned.

**Old Business**

* We gave Dom and Alex their bonus checks.
* Program ideas:

1. Vicky House on the Loomis Gang
2. The Woman’s Relief Corps
3. Cemetery stones –care of (suggested by the Fiore’s)
4. Early stores of Afton (suggested by Willes)
5. The Afton water system (suggested by Willes)

**New Business:**

* Daryl Mulwane and Wendy Caldiero went to NBT with a copy of the Nov. 1 minutes and removed Barb Johnson as an official signer for our NBT Safe Deposit Box and added Daryl as the replacement signer.
* We need to draw up a budget for 2024. Daryl gave the year end income and expenses figures from 2023 to Wendy who will write them up and give them to President, Paul Stack.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 A.M.

The next meeting will be Feb. 7, 2024, at 10:00 in the Museum.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Caldiero