February 2, 2024.

**AHS Meeting.**

Present: Paul Stack, Melanie Hager Mueller, Tracy DeMatteo, Daryl Mulwane, Destiny Case, Sheila Mulwane, Alton Prentice. Excused: Barb Johnson. Guests: Katerina DeMatteo and Jay Hager

Called to order 10:05 am by President Paul Stack

Secretary read minutes of Jan. 3, 2024 Meeting. Accepted.

Moved by President Paul Stack to move to Executive Session. Seconded by Tracy DeMatteo

**Return from executive session.**

**Announcements**: President Paul Stack appointed Melanie Hager Mueller as V. President. Appointed Alton Prentice to the Board to fill vacant spot. Corrected Destiny Case, Curator, as a Board Member. Effective Immediately.

Board Members and Officers are:

1. Paul Stack 1/2024 – 12/2026 President
2. Melanie Hager Mueller 1/2024 – 12/2026 V. President
3. Destiny Case 1/2023 – 12/2025 Curator
4. Tracy DeMatteo 1/2022 – 12/2024 Secretary
5. Daryl Mulwane 1/2022 – 12/2024 Treasurer
6. Sheila Mulwane 1/2022 – 12/2024
7. Alton Prentice 1/2023 – 12/2025

**Visitors to the Museum -** Jay Hager and Katerina DeMatteo

**Donations to the Museum: -** Elise donated needed locks for the barns. Anonymous Donor donated a bolt lock. Al Prentice donated a snow shovel.

**Other Business**

Tax bill from Town of Afton has a balance and incorrect address on the mail. Daryl will take to Town Clerk and make necessary corrections.

Secretary Tracy announced Resignations & keys received.

P.O. Box – P.O. Box key holders for Afton Historical Society will be Paul Stack, President, Main person. Daryl Mulwane, Treasurer, Back up. Motion made by Daryl Mulwane, Seconded by Tracy. Passed. All previous persons to be removed.

**Treasurers Report.**

Money Market - $12,975.36

CD $ 5,089.31

ACT Shares $400.009

Checking Account - $5,576.31

Discussion about shopping around and trying to see if we can find a cheaper phone/wifi provider. Daryl will bring the bill to Wednesday’s work session to give to Paul so shopping around can be done.

Daryl will bring Treasurer books detailing separation of all funds for specific purposes to next meeting.

2024 Budget will be prepared by Daryl and Tracy at Wednesday work day.

Secretary Tracy made a motion to accept the Treasures Report. Melanie Second.

**Old Business**

Activities – For now, Saturday Open Hours will remain 1pm – 4pm.

Loomis Gang.

Volunteer Schedule for Summer Tours Times. – Tabled to be determined later.

Work Days for the Board. – Work days for now will remain on Wednesdays 10 – Noon. Additional Work days will be by communication as to who is available and when. Board members have been requested to let other Board Members know when they are free to do additional work hours.

Sheila is uncertain on Burl Bowls for display. Possible to do a police display, and do Burl Bowls at a later date.

**New Business**

Due to resignations, motion made by Melanie Mueller that President Paul Stack and Treasurer Daryl Mulwane are on the two signers on the checking account and that President Paul Stack and Treasurer Daryl Mulwane are the two who are allowed access to the Safe Deposit box at NBT. Seconded by Al Prentice. All agreed. All previous people are to be removed.

Calendar thoughts include – if continued – to perhaps do a Afton Law Enforcement Calendar. Daryl proposed to stop making calendars. This topic has been tabled.

Daryl proposed a 50th Anniversary Event since we came out of the Jericho Historical Society. Additional information says the AHS was created by the D.A.R. Ladies of Cunahunta.

Proposal to put calendars on the website.

Septic – Jason Pierce has been called to see if he has any records regarding septic system of the AHS. Question ? Does the Red Barn have a septic? Village Water? Phone calls will be needed. Melanie will call Jason.

Meeting times – Tracy Proposed changing the meeting to First Saturday of month 10 – Noon. Melanie made a motion to move the meeting from Wednesdays to the First Saturday of the Month, 10 – Noon. Daryl Mulwane Seconded. Additional fixed work day be a Saturday once a month from 10-Noon.

Change of location of meetings. Larger space needed. Research shows Town Hall/Historian Office as most reliable – Meetings will happen at the Town Office / Historian Office due to constant availability.

Daryl will provide Secretary Tracy DeMatteo an updated list of members for newsletter purposes, etc.

Grants. Denied for one. Melanie and Tracy will work together on grants.

Need to update membership for Chamber of Commerce. Also, possibly put in for grant for new computer for the AHS since the battery is toast on the current computer in the office.

New email has been created. [Aftonhistsoc@yahoo.com](mailto:Aftonhistsoc@yahoo.com) – all emails that had gone to personal email addresses prior regarding AHS should be forwarded to new AHS email.

The Website has been transferred from ownership of Wendy Caldiero and now is under the ownership of the Afton Historical Society.

AHS website has also been updated.

All items pertaining to the Afton Historical Society remain on the premises. All items prior removed from premises need to be returned.

Dale and Tina Utter – Patriot Cemetery Sign through Polmery – Dale and Tina want to do a dedication of that sign and work with the Bainbridge Historical Society. Perhaps the AHS can join in. Possibly snacks etc.

Updates, Cancelations, etc can go on website. Agreed by all.

Interns for summer – TBD based on available funds.

Contents of NBT Safe Deposit Box need to be documented and updated. President Paul Stack will complete this task. Then the list should be updated yearly, and any time anything is added or removed. All Agreed.

Daryl will return scrapbook indexing and scrapbook.

**Repairs / Work**

Need Oil Filled. Currently at quarter tank. – Responsibility Curator. Curator can work with Handyman as she wishes. Unanimous vote to designate Al Prentice as heavy lifter and handyman.

Handicapped Ramp – Al is still willing to build a Diamond Plate piece to cure the problem.

Back Yard Stairs – Mel will make calls and see if we can get material donations. Need measurements to determine what we want to do with them, so that proper plans can be determined before calls are made. Do we want to use pavers instead of wood? Concrete under wood?

Complete inventory of AHS items will occur to update accuracy of records.

Pressure washing. – Tracy, Melanie, and Al all have pressure washers they are willing to use as needed for the AHS.

Cracks in foundation – Historical Front Porch? Research past grant for information.

Scrape and paint back section of museum house – spring.

**Committees:**

Committees have not prior been formed.

The following Committees have been formed as of this meeting.

Social Media Committee (Computer, Internet, FB, Website, etc.) - Tracy DeMatteo, Melanie Mueller, Paul Stack Daryl made motion. Sheila Second. All Agreed.

Events Committee – TBD with new volunteers present.

Ways and Means Committee – as per by-laws.

Membership Committee – Mel made motion for Membership Committee to be Tracy DeMatteo, Sheila Mulwane, and Daryl Mulwane. Second by Destiny. All agreed.

Building and Grounds Committee – As per By-laws the Curator is a part of this committee. Melanie made a motion that Destiny, the curator, as per the by-laws, Al Prentice and Paul Stack be the Building and Grounds Committee – Seconded by Tracy DeMatteo. All agreed.

Nominating Committee - Destiny made a motion to have Melanie Mueller, Tracy DeMatteo, Paul Stack and Sheila Mulwane as the nominating committee. Seconded by Daryl Mulwane. All agreed.

**Next Meeting** will be Saturday March 2, 2024 at Town Office Building / Afton Historians Office at 10 am.