

## **PHS Minutes Monday May 22**

**Present:** Barbara Taylor, Lindley Spears, Maryann Toffolon, Ruth Barton, Barry Stockwell, Tom Jamison, Tim Ragle, Lyssa Papazian, Leah Toffolon

**Secretary's report:** read and approved.

### **Old Business:**

Barbara is almost done with the forms for the Directors & Officers Insurance.

Tom says they are looking into getting wheels to be able to move the green shelves. Suggestions of going to Home Depot, Tractor Supply, the basement!

### **Office Hours**

Ruth is manning the office this Saturday.

- June 3: Tim
- June 10: Tom
- June 17: Ruth
- June 24: Barbara
- July 1: Lindley

### **New Business:**

Barry has sold more pews! Next Stage kitchen is really coming together. Monthly classes are happening. Trying to start a 2nd event each month this summer--lecture/demos on topics like fermentation and canning. Art Gallery coming along too. No shortage of artists who want to exhibit. 3 month exhibits. Barbara suggests a thematic show in the future.

Do we want volunteer students to carry over tubs from town hall? Not sure we're ready yet.

**General Store status report.** Lyssa reports they had a full staff then one was lost due to injury for a month. Cut himself on the slicer. Getting worker's comp. Other one got sick. Three new women hired in last three days. 6 full time 6 part time currently. One more woman may be coming on. Then it will be more sustainable for Lyssa and Betsy. It would be nice to have some older, more experienced employees.

Financials: Lyssa hasn't had a chance to run any numbers yet. She doesn't think they are in trouble. Business has been picking up. They need \$2400/day. Last week they were starting to run out of prepared food. Good! Still working with vendors to get support that we have paid for and expect. Still in grace period for mortgage. October will be the first full mortgage payment. \$30,000 in grants \$60,000 in loans. Locals are thinking of ideas to raise money to pay off the mortgage.

In a good place with Ming, but haven't settled a deal with him yet.

Ruth reports that she has found some interesting things in the town hall basement.

A woman came looking for info on Alma Richter Jansen Tanner woman from the select board of Putney. Very interesting woman! Born in NY. Married Jansen, he died, then Tanner. She had been on library board too. Genealogy file yielded a letter to the editor from selectboard praising all the things she and Mr. Jansen had done for the selectboard. Owned Putney Ridge Farm--horse farm. Woman sent photos of house.

Joanne Hendricks has been doing research on her properties. Suggestion to ask Dennis Amidon to do an oral history. He would have info on Old North cemetery. Painting of Nancy Lowell... present it some time? Joanne will find it and hopefully let us show it.

Lindley moves to adjourn, Maryann seconds.