

GHS Meeting Minutes, April 29 2025

Present:

Deborah Jurist, Patrick Ayer, Allen Goodine, Susan Pelkey Smith, Dawn Miller Evans, Sarah Spira

Meeting started at 11:10am

Deborah shared updates on what was accomplished since our last meeting in February:

- Newsletter page on website update to include searchable table
- Physical Town Reports and Newsletter Collection archived and put into Vault
- Sonny's offered to share their Wifi Password
- Patrick looking into Find A Grave- will create a personal account and look into how to update information.
- He will look for Brenda Nurse in the New Cemetery
- Recording Log is now in house as suggested by the Roving Archivist

Cemetery

The directors discussed the new list that the Town Clerk shared of the cemetery plot, and the difference between owning a lot and being buried in a plot. Whether or not the list from the Town Clerk should be posted on the GHS website was also discussed. It was determined that it would be best to link to the Town's website with Cemetery info to minimize the burden of maintaining two lists.

Sarah is interested in looking into editing/ converting the cemetery pages into a table so that they are sortable and perhaps easier to navigate. To be determined.

Internet

Didn't have enough service even with Sonny's wifi- will need a repeater. Will work with Terrence on this.

Treasurer's Report

Susan shared the Treasurer's Report, below.

	A	B	C
1	GHS		
2	Financial Update Since 12/31/2024		
3	1/1/2025 - 4/29/2025		
4			
5			
6	Checking account balance 12/31/2024		\$ 12,399.67
7			
8	Receipts:		
9			
10	Memberships	\$ 175.00	
11	Donations	780.00	
12	Amazon book sales	21.02	
13			976.02
14			
15	Disbursements:		
16			
17	GMP - electricity	80.67	
18	TMiller Web Design - website monitoring for year	120.00	
19	Web hosting - DreamHost	19.99	
20	Stamps	73.00	
21	Credit card processing fees	1.03	
22	Bank shorted us on deposit	3.00	
23	Mowing - 2024	350.00	
24			(647.69)
25			
26	Transfer to CD		(5,000.00)
27			
28			
29	Checking account balance 4/29/2025		\$ 7,728.00
30			
31			
32	CD Balance 4/29/2025		\$ 21,188.70

-Deborah received \$75 from the Talk in Danville, also sold a book.

-Appropriation was approved, funds will be distributed in Oct. \$1,000

Insurance

Susan put it out to bid for several places, the best that came back were what we have already. In determining what to insure, Susan went from Mr. Katz's letter with the different items he listed and their valuations. She took lows and highs, averaged, and that came to \$52,000.

The directors discussed that this has been a process:

We looked into what items were valued by bringing in Mr. Katz, we looked at what it would cost to insure, and now the time has come to make a decision on what to do.

The directors present felt as though we have done our due diligence to fully explore this option: From consulting with Tim Page on security, meeting with the Roving Archivist, seeking appraisal information from Mr. Katz.

It was discussed that not all of the items on Mr. Katz' list are items that the GHS wants to keep. The directors discussed what the purpose of the collection is- and what it is supposed to be doing, and also factoring in Aesthetics and what the intention was when

the Founders set up the house. We don't want to lose that feeling, but it is getting overfilled.

It was also discussed that if items are removed from the list that it would change the quote. Also discussed was whether increasing the monthly payment was worth the coverage that was offered.

Deborah made a motion that we not pursue insuring the items on the list.

Susan seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Patrick and Sarah voted in agreement, Allen voted against.

The vote to not pursue insurance this year passed. It was discussed that perhaps this should be revisited after the collection is reevaluated.

Events/Open Houses

Current Schedule and who is Responsible for Opening the House on that Day

All open houses 10-2pm unless otherwise noted

Sarah will set up Sandwich Board

Tuesday May 27: Clean Up Day

To do:

- Replace extra Town Reports in mailboxes in garage

June 7th: Allen

June 28th, A Day in Our Village: Deborah

Can anyone else help out at the PPH on that day?

If someone else is available then we can offer a scavenger hunt. Otherwise we will just plan on an Open House.

July 5th: Louise

August 2nd: Brent 10am Annual Meeting, 11-2pm Open House

September 6th: Is there someone who would want to open this house on this day? If not, we will be closed.

October 4th: Fall Foliage Day

Mud Dog Mandy 10-11am

Q: What is the targeted age group of his presentation?

Quarterly Directors Meeting

It was decided that the Directors should set dates/ times for a Quarterly Meeting. Deborah will propose, and also resend the calendar Link. If anyone has trouble accessing the Google Calendar, Sarah will be able to help at the Library.

Collection Work

Sarah has offered to lead a sub-committee on collection work. Will reach out to Patrick to get started, and then will set up a monthly working meeting.

For Future Discussion:

- Collection Policy and Deaccessioning Items
- William Peck Uniform Storage and Display

Meeting Adjourned around 2pm.