

**READSBORO HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
REGULAR MEETING  
July 19, 2016  
6:00pm**

**Attendee's:** Alfred Scaia, Priscilla Thayer, Mitchell Holland, Jim Franzinelli and Rhonda Smith.

**Minutes Approved;** 1<sup>st</sup> motion made by Jim. 2<sup>nd</sup> motion made by Priscilla. All in favor.

**Selectboard meeting** was attended by Al to discuss the estimate of \$5000 by Lance Howard for work to be done on building. He was encouraged that they didn't say no, but they did have a few questions. Selectboard member David Marchegiani will do a site visit with Mitchell so they can see what needs to be done. Al told them we would like to see this happen this year. Al will go back to the next select board meeting. We need to let them know our budget plans by December.

Rhonda would like a budget report from the select board of how much money was allocated for the historical society and how much is left.

**Account Balances:** Checking        \$215.37  
   Savings        \$617.99 (since December 2015)

Deposit needs to be made for the following checks:

- Annlise Carew Check #8522        \$25.00        for books & CD's
- Anonymous    Cash                        \$ 5.00        For book (

Books: Down Through the Years

CD:    Ron Waterman made of Readsboro Pictures

**Scraping of Building was discussed by Mitchell.** He said he may start scrapping outside of the building towards the Taylor block this weekend. Al brought up that the St Joachim church just hired a few kids from the Mello retreat in Jacksonville at no charge and they did a great job. If Mitchell needed some help maybe we could call them. Someone would have to be there to supervise.

**The Foyer will need scrapping and painting also.** Al said he would donate the paint if someone would paint it.

**Inventory** should be made of what is left of the "Down Through the Years" Book and the CD that Ron Waterman made of old Readsboro Pictures.

**Change of meeting night** was discussed. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month was in favor. 1<sup>st</sup> motion made by Priscilla, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion made my Rhonda. All in favor.

Membership Dues was brought up by Al. The old membership dues was for a single the cost was \$3.00 and for a family the cost was \$5.00. There was also a lifetime membership. It was decided that there will be no more lifetime memberships, but will maintain the lifetime members we have now. We will do one fee of \$10.00 per single or household. 1<sup>st</sup> motion made by Rhonda. 2<sup>nd</sup> motion made by Al. All in favor.

**Target date to open** up the building to the public was discussed. Mitchell recommended that the First Baptist Church Harvest Festival is in September. Rhonda mentioned the Reedsburg Arts Group's Art Fair is in September too. All agreed that we should open for those two events and maybe early in August, depending how much we get done.

A floor plan was made by Al. The floor will be divided into different sections, such as;

- Industrial (Chair shop etc....)
- School
- Firehouse
- Train
- Stores/Restaurant
- Band/ Teams

**Website** is currently online, but does not have content yet. Jim said members need to register. Jim asked Al to write an intro for it and also need to get some pictures to put on it.

**Work Bee** is scheduled for next Tuesday August 26 at 6pm.

**Adjourned at 7:30pm.** 1<sup>st</sup> motion made by Jim. 2<sup>nd</sup> motion made by Mitchell. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Rhonda E. Smith  
Secretary