

Cherryfield Narraguagus Historical Society    February 19<sup>th</sup>,2026 Minutes

The meeting was held at Kelley's house and was brought to order at 6:22 PM. Those in attendance: Crystal Hitchings, Denise Lavoie, Sarah LaSagna and Kelley Wescott.

The first item of discussion was having Kelley's name added to the CNHS bank account. Denise brought the vote to floor, Crystal seconded it. All were in favor, none opposed.

Financial Report from Denise. She paid the last quarter of the building insurance. We currently have \$12,500 in the account. Crystal submitted the bill from the structural assessment for \$3600. Denise will send a check for this. This will leave approximately \$9000 in the account.

Crystal shared that Dave Beauregard is looking for work . Repairing the basement window frames and sills may be a good job for Dave. We will get an advance project quote from him.

We had a discussion about room displays. The downstairs would be interchangeable. The second floor would be permanent. We'd like to keep the Ichabod Willey room as is and might display Larry's bandstand and covered bridge models in the middle room downstairs.

There will be a day set aside for painting the two sheet rocked rooms on the second floor when the weather is better and we need to determine if we have enough boards to finish the floor.

Milbridge and Pleasant River Historical Societies have accepted an invitation to meet at the Academy on May 21<sup>st</sup> at 6PM to share what each group is doing and bounce around ideas. We will do further planning as it gets closer. Other historical societies may join us as well.

Tentatively we would like to have the annual members meeting on May 16<sup>th</sup>, as a luncheon. This is carried over for further planning at next month's meeting.

Sarah discussed merchandise beginning with coffee mugs that would have our new logo and a saying on the other side. These would cost \$10 each to have printed. We'd like to have them available for Cherryfield Days. Possible ideas: Charge \$10 per mug that includes a free, 1 year membership to the historical society OR a \$10 purchase of a 1 year membership would include a free mug. This is a break even project intended to bring more attention to the historical society.

Sarah shared some thoughts/ideas on this year's Shiverwalk. She would like to do it over a two day period. The walk would begin at the Congregational Church parking lot. There would be stations along the way introducing various subjects of local folklore. The house would be a haunted house, with ghost hunting activities. Many props will need be built and she will compile a list of supplies we need. Crystal suggested the EDGE kids might want to get involved. Sarah is going to put out a call for volunteers.

Kelley sent all the annual notices for membership renewals and information about the memorial garden to all CNHS members. Several plaque orders for the garden have already been received. A total of \$485 was deposited in February from dues and plaque sales.

Crystal would like to develop our own Facebook page. This discussion will be continued. During the next meeting we will discuss the budget. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55.