

Minutes: FOBC Annual Meeting

August 20, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Sue Barnett, President, at the home of Sue Barnett and Jeff Christiansen at 4:40 pm. The slate of officers is as follows: President, Sue Barnett; vice president, Joan O'Conner; treasurer, David Barnes, corresponding secretary, Jane Sokolow; recording secretary, Steve Levine; members at large, Patricia Adams, Virginia Lawrence and Joni Wehrli.

Jane Sokolow announced that a new directory will be printed. The form can be accessed on the FOBC website for new listings. Changes only need be submitted for existing listings.

David Barnes read the treasurer's report as follows: Balance as of 6/7/16 -- \$3,920.

plus income during the year from dues and other -- \$970

less expenses during the year (bank fees, accountant. mailbox) -- \$141

Balance as of 7/7/17 -- \$4,749

plus dues received/deposited during July 2017 -- \$275

Balance as of August 5 meeting date -- \$5,024.

David announced that Sally Wright is the new executive director of the Catskill Art Society and that the Gala at the Beaverkill Valley Inn was a great success. He also recognized that Ramsay Adams was most instrumental in procuring a grant for CAS from New York State Council on the Arts(NYSCA.)

Report from Mary Hall re the church: No vinyl siding will be used and must be wood as per original condition. Thank you to Mermer Blakeslee for her work maintaining the garden in front of the church. The church needs a new roof and must

be done in early fall. Estimated cost: \$12,000 for shingles and \$10,000 for Metal. FOBC can contribute \$2,000 which was voted on and approved.

Report from Patricia Adams: Efforts are underway to collect historical items from the Root house. Barbara Trelstad, head of the Archival Committee asked for volunteers to help collect archival materials and to collect more stories of more recent history. Sally Cerny pursuing project and asks for volunteer for editor and audio equipment to collect oral histories which Ginny can put up on the FOBC website.

Report from Eric Hamerstrom: Eric announces the completion of the Beaverkill Campsite Bridge. It is also proposed how to incorporate all facilities at the campsite to make it more user friendly and will contact Bill Rudge concerning same.

Report from Lisa Lyons: Downtown Livingston Manor has undergone a revitalization and increased its "green space" and Riverwalk from Renaissance Park. Efforts underway to raise funds for project which is proposed to be finished next year. All easements have been procured from businesses involved in the River Walk project. Woodland trails have been created behind the churches. Ramsey Adams has been asked if the tourist information caboose can be moved.

Sue Barnett has asked that a nominating committee be formed to fill positions that will be opened. Also Heritage Edition Books and member directories are still available.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted;

Steve Levine