

ALHFAM ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING JUNE 23, 2010

SULLIVAN ACADEMIC CENTER AUDITORIUM, WORCESTER, MA

President Bruce Henbest called the 38th annual meeting to order at 8:42 AM in the Sullivan Academic Center auditorium. Agendas, minutes from the 2009 Annual Meeting and 2009 treasurer's reports were available at the door. Tom Kelleher, conference chair, noted that the reason for having a conference was to hold a legally required annual business meeting. He went over housekeeping details for the day. Henbest called for a moment of silence to remember friends and colleagues that have passed away in the last year. Henbest asked for a motion to approve the agenda. An amendment under Section 8 to insert a marketing report and delete the duplicate audit/finance report item was made and a motion to pass the amended agenda was made by Ron Kley and seconded by Sue Hanson. The motion passed. Henbest asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the 2009 meeting. A motion to approve the minutes without reading them was made by Carol Lopez and seconded by Katie Boardman. Motion passed. The treasurer reported that the 2009 annual financial report was printed in the Winter Bulletin. The balance of funds at the end of 2009 was \$187,232.70. Blake Hayes moved the 2009 report be filed for audit. Lynne Belluscio seconded. Motion passed. The members of the 2010 Conference Committee were recognized and given a standing ovation. Tom Kelleher stated that 220 persons had registered for various parts of the conference and that 165 full registrations were paid.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nominating Committee. Pete Watson reported that new board members elected by the membership were Debra Friedman, Susan Reckseidler and Derrick Birdsall. Dawn Bondhus was elected to the Nominating Committee and Judith Sheridan was reelected as secretary/treasurer. Watson asked that names of potential 2011 board candidates from members be sent to him.

C.O.R.N. Committee. Watson introduced the regional representatives or their delegate in attendance. Klingender from Canada said a joint meeting with the Mid-Atlantic region would be held next March at Genesee Country Village in Rochester, NY. Kuester from MOMCC reported that the fall regional meeting would be in November at Oconomowoc, WI sponsored by Old World Wisconsin. The spring 2010 was held at Mahaffie Homestead in Olathe, KS and was a joint meeting with the Mountain Plains Region. Beard was named the new co-rep from the SE Region at Historic Westville last February. The 2011 regional will be a joint meeting with Mountain Plains in Little Rock, AR in February 2011. The Annual Meeting will be in the SE region in 2011 at Jackson's Mill in Weston, WV. Woodcock from the Western Region stated that a regional meeting would be held the first weekend in November in Tacoma, WA. New Mid-Atlantic regional rep, Tony Shahan, reported the 2011 meeting will be held in Rochester, NY. Reckseidler from Western Canada is planning a joint meeting with other museum organizations in her region and the Western Canada members will be invited to the Western Region meeting in Tacoma, WA. Gross from the New England region announced that the site for a 2011 regional has not been selected yet. Cynova reported for the Mountain Plains Region about a joint meeting in 2011 with Southeast and that the 2012 Annual Meeting would be held in Farmers Branch, TX, near Dallas. Regions are encouraged to set up Facebook pages to extend communication within their regions. Henbest attended the Southeast, Atlantic Canada and MOMCC regional meetings since he became president.

COOP. Watson attended the second annual AAM Museum Advocacy Day in Washington, DC. There was a course on how to present funding issues to members of congress. Attendees then visited representatives from their state.

Audit/Finance Committee. Floyd announced that the 990 Federal Income tax reports were filed in a timely manner and that all current accounting procedures have been followed. He thanked Sheridan for taking care of the association's business for the past 15 years.

Future Sites & Conference Support. Klingender reported that Jackson's Mill in Weston, WV will be the site for 2011. 2012 will be at Farmers Branch, Texas and be voted on later in the meeting. The board has received a bid from Hale Farm and Village in Bath, OH for 2013. A site in western Canada is still under consideration for a future Annual Meeting.

Fellowships. The committee was Arenz, chair, and Kyle Bagnall, Barbara Corson and Susan McCabe members. Arenz announced that 22 applications were received and 16 fellowships were awarded. The recipients were then named and stood to be recognized. A Schlebecker nomination was received and Tom Woods, a former recipient, helped with that choice and the fellowship reviews. The award will be given at the Presidential Banquet.

Memorabilia. Belluscio has brought the signed banner from 10 years ago for us to sign again. There will also be a display of past conference T-shirts at the Presidential Banquet.

Publications Committee. Katz-Hyman thanked Bulletin editors Blake Hayes and Katie Boardman and reader Sarah Johnson for their hard work and we applauded their efforts. She asked members to contribute articles, reviews of books, exhibits and videos to the Bulletin. A project to index articles from the last 10 years of the Bulletins has been completed by Derrick Birdsall and Kelly Ray. Work will continue on indexing the earlier Bulletins. She urged 2010 conference presenters to get their papers to Carol Lopez as soon as possible for inclusion in the Proceedings. Debra Reid worked with Jane Radcliffe, Ron Kley and Cliff Jones on the 2009 Proceedings. The 2009 Proceedings are now available. Mary Seelhorst is keeping the online index of Proceedings articles current. Arenz is working on the Living History Help section. Thanks to Andi Erbskorn and Edward Baker for coordinating the discussion list. Heidi Glatfelter will monitor other social networking sites. Woodcock is still the contact for Replica Resource List additions or changes. Donations to the Memorial Fellowship Fund can now be made online through the e-commerce section of the website. Committees were urged to get website content to Blake Hayes for the regional and pig sections

Services Provided to our Members- SPAM. Fellows reported that the committee was planning a conference call to discuss new initiatives for SPAM. Member benefits and descriptions of member categories will be reviewed.

Audit/Finance. Floyd thanked Sheridan for keeping the finances in order. Candace Matelic moved acceptance of the Administrative Committee Reports. Mark Texel seconded. Motion passed.

PIG COMMITTEE REPORTS

CPR- Katz-Hyman said they have 30 members on their discussion list and are doing sessions and workshops at this conference.

HAT- S. LeCount said they are coming up with new ideas for projects for the committee.

FPIP- Carnegie noted that 60 people attended the George Chapman Interpretive Retreat in January at Mystic Seaport.

Foodways- Fioca thanked Sturbridge for making facilities available for the foodways workshops. Mercy Ingraham is planning the 2011 workshops around grains, beverages and wild and local foods.

Replica Resource List- Woodcock is keeping the list current and it is now on the website.

Nerds- Hayes said the committee sponsored 2 sessions this year and that Heidi Glatfelter will be the new chairperson.

PIE- Bagnall said the committee had written articles for the Bulletin, sponsored workshops and held the first poster session at this conference.

SAP- Becker said the committee had been quiet and was considering ideas for next year's conference.

Machinery- Klingender and his committee are working with the Farm Committee on future joint projects.

Farm- Corson said the committee is working on suggestions for the proper handling of livestock at historic sites. They sponsored the ox workshop at the Annual Meeting this year and held the second Farm School (Dairy 101) at Howell Farm in September 2009. A third Farm School (Dairy 102) will be held this October at Landis Valley Museum

Cliff Jones moved acceptance of the reports. Bob Powell seconded. Motion passed.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Auction. Belluscio thanked all of the auction donors and workers and said that over \$7,000 was taken in. An anonymous donor also gave a \$2,500 matching grant. Blake Hayes has participated in 29 auctions over the years.

Marketing. Floyd urged ALHFAM members that speak at other conferences and meetings to mention ALHFAM and promote it to the larger museum world and the general public. Membership brochures can be obtained from the secretary for distribution at any meeting. He also asked that photos and film be sent to the website to keep it looking fresh.

Pat McMillion moved acceptance of the Ad Hoc Committee reports. Nancy Webster seconded. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS.

2012 Conference. Derrick Birdsall invited us to Farmers Branch, TX and the Farmers Branch Historical Park. It is a suburb of Dallas. The conference will be from June 9-12, 2012. Karen Becker moved we accept the invitation, Hal Simon seconded. Motion passed.

Mission Statement. Henbest led the discussion on the proposed new Mission Statement and Bylaws amendments. The process has been ongoing over the past 2 years and the Mission Statement Team's proposal was included along with an explanation in the winter 2009 Bulletin. All current members received written notice of the changes being proposed to the Bylaws prior to the annual meeting. The Bylaws also state that these changes must be placed on the agenda for discussion as part of the Annual Meeting (i.e. today) before they can be sent to the membership for a vote. Ron Kley, a member of the Mission Statement Team, said he was proud of their achievement and that all of the team members had ample opportunity to contribute. The Mission Statement Team members were Carrie Fellows, chair, and Katie Boardman, Vertie Fioca, Franz Klingender, Ron Kley, Kyle Bagnall and Deb Arenz. The Mission Statement as proposed was read and will replace both the current Mission Statement and the Statement of Purpose in the Bylaws (this Statement along with the draft Organizational Description and possibly a Vision Statement will require further consideration but will not be part of the Bylaws). One role of the Mission Statement is to distinguish ALHFAM from other similar associations. Comments of support were given by several members. A ballot will be mailed to all members within 30 days.

Recognition of Board Members. Henbest thanked outgoing board members Barbara Corson, Bob Powell and Franz Klingender for their service and contributions to the Association in the past three years.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Ian Beard said there will be a get together of first timers and young 'uns sponsored by the SPAM committee in the third floor lounge tonight to get feedback on the conference and how ALHFAM can be a more useful organization.

2011 Conference. Marie Burleigh did a PowerPoint presentation on the Jackson's Mill annual meeting to be held from June 4-7, 2011. She encouraged everyone to submit papers and attend. More information will be in future Bulletins and on the website.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Nancy Webster, seconded by Derrick Birdsall. The meeting adjourned at 10:15 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith M. Sheridan, Secretary

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