

Minutes of the Adirondack Coast Cultural Alliance Meeting, May 11, 2017



President Ellen Adams called the meeting to order at 8:36am, Thursday, May 11, 2017 at Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System on Oak Street, Plattsburgh. Thanks for hospitality and snacks!

Present: Ellen Adams (ATM, pres.), Karen Batchelder (CEFLS), Barb Benkwitt (Schuyler Falls Town), Jim Brangan (CVNHP, LCBP), Julie Dowd (CCHA, NNYACGS), Jane Saxe-Kelting (Lyon Mountain RXR+), John Krueger (CVNHP, DMP, vice-pres), Ricky Laurin (ATM, community, past-president), David Monette (SCA/Strand), Melissa Peck (coordinator, MLPBS), Stan Ransom (community+), Alina Walentowicz (Chamber), Don Wickman (KDM House Museum)

The **minutes** of the April 6th meeting at the Chamber on the Destination Master Plan were approved with a modification – Julie was not present that day; John moved, Melissa seconded.

Alina gave the **financial report**. The balance is \$1868.98 – expenses were \$280 for coordinator, income was \$850. The grant money has been received. The report was received by acclamation.

Melissa's coordinator's report – DHPSNY (Documentary Heritage and Preservation Services for New York) is holding a free seminar on the 'process of processing' at the Plattsburgh Public Library on May 23 from 9:30-3:30. To register see the DHPSNY website <http://dhpsny.org/events/upcoming>. Still space available (as of May 12). Humanities NY has just announced they have a women's suffrage 6-panel traveling exhibit. Ellen will check on availability and possible location for display here in this area.

Museum Weekend – Sixteen (16) venues are at this time confirmed, including new this year the Coopersville Schoolhouse by Shan Moore; 17 would be total. Waiting for confirmation and details from all venues – due to Melissa by May 20. Include venue name, bulleted blurbs about what's happening. Be sure to have coverage and be open from 10-4 both Saturday and Sunday – required. Melissa will be contacting the PSU Art Museum interim head Karen Blough and also their docent head (Sandy Lashua) to ensure they will be participating. Re – Press Republican - Melissa has been working with George Rock at The Press Republican, and PR will be again be the media sponsor (thanks for Bob Parks initiating this many years ago) for Museum Days, June 17-18, and will provide small ads in the PR on June 6-8-9-10, and full page event ad on June 11 -15-16-17. That's why info must be in! A Facebook Event is set on the ACCA page; suggest that all set an event, include #paththruhistory and #museumdays2017 hashtags. Link to Path Thru History (ACCA has linked already). Discussed other publicity conduits – banners, signs, posters, flyers (hardcopy and digitally) to libraries/schools/towns/hospitality sites, communiqué to Plattsburgh Sunrise Rotary to promo at their Dozer Days, signboards at towns/fire departments/GP/Route 3, etc. After much discussion and many suggestions, details and implementation will be worked out by the Events Committee and...

Motion by Barb to spend up to \$100 for one large size outside banner reusable and up to \$50 for flyers - to publicize Museum Days in the community. Seconded by John and Don. Passed-unanimous.

Passport – should be available soon at the Chamber.

Discussion of CVNHP 2018 – Jim Brangan

Jim provided a handout from the Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership recapping the FY2017 Workplan and Budget (theme 'The Corridor of Commerce'), and preview of the FY2018 Budget and Workplan (implemented in 2017-2018) with the theme of 'Making of Nations'.

Jim reviewed the grants to be available – Interpretive Theme Grants and Local Heritage Grants. Emphasis is for projects with students, history and interpretive arts. Wayside exhibits will be supported by provided resources for design and sign fabrication. The 2017 International Heritage Summit will be in Lake George in the Fall. New is the Interpretive Theme Passport Program whereby multiple sites together tell the story of an area. An example is the Lake Champlain Bridge, Crown Point area. Venues included would provide a Passport stamp to visitors. The Mohican Heritage Trail, to cover Split Rock area and south, will use the approach developed in Connecticut and Massachusetts in the Upper Housatonic River National Heritage Area to develop a Native American Heritage Trail, then expand into traditional Iroquois and Abenaki areas farther north. Of note also is that James Fennimore Cooper was a seaman on Lake Champlain in that area.

Stay tuned for grant applications and timing.

Museum Reports –

Alice T. Miner Museum – Event May 18 – local artists plein air display. [Ellen]

Clinton County Historical Association/Museum – World War I exhibits are in place. June 6 – Art Cohn from Maritime Museum will speak. [Julie]

Kent-Delord House Museum – Opening May 16. Garden Club plant sale May 13, 9a-1p. Shutters are down for painting; interesting paint history was found during the renovation. [Don]

Lyon Mountain Museum– The exhibit from WWI -> Afghanistan is opening. Also a Boy Scout exhibit. [Jane]

John Krueger mentioned that a significant anniversary was May 10 – in 1775, Ethan Allen and the Green Mountain Boys and Colonel Benedict Arnold led the capture of Fort Ticonderoga.

Jane offered the Lyon Mountain Museum for September's meeting.

Meeting adjourned 9:42 am (motioned Jane, seconded Julie).

NEXT MEETING –

Thursday, June 8, 8:30am – Clinton County Historical Association/Museum, Ohio Ave, Plattsburgh

Respectfully submitted,

Barb

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