

ADIRONDACK COAST CULTURAL ALLIANCE

Minutes of March 16, 2011 Meeting

Members and guests present: Margot Zeglis, Julie Dowd, Geri Favreau, Rob McDowell, Carol Lowery, Frank Kinnolly, Don Papson, Bev St. Dennis, Barb Benkwitt, Jerry Bates, Frank Pabst, Carol Blakeslee-Collin, Amanda Palmer, Bill Glidden, Bob Parks, John Krueger, Bill Kelting, Alice Church, Tricia Davies, and Stan Ransom.

Chair Amanda Palmer welcomed the group at 8:05am at United Way.

Upon motion of Alice Church, seconded by Bill Glidden, and carried, the February minutes were approved.

Civil War Sesquicentennial plans were discussed by Geri Favreau and Carol Blakeslee-Collin. Carol explained a plan for a Civil War encampment based upon an exhibit at CCHA. They are looking for local county resident information, families left behind, women's diaries and how the Civil War affected families. Lectures on the topics are planned.

Rouses Point will kick off an event at 2pm on April 10th celebrating the Steam Boat Landing and a Wayside Exhibit Panel. Don Papson noted there will be a Panel of Freedom by the Underground Railroad Association and lectures on Emancipation Themes, the first being Jim Howard speaking on Lincoln and his ideas. Much publicity is planned for commemorations on the Civil War. Schuyler Falls groups and Julie Dowd are working on Civil War genealogy. Bill Glidden spoke of the Sons of Union veterans organization and mentioned General Carlos Waitt, a Plattsburgh resident, and Colonel Ellsworth, who was the first to be killed in the Civil War.

Frank Pabst will be operating boat tours in 2014 from New York City to Burlington and perhaps Plattsburgh or points north. The foliage tours will be in October and will go to Valcour and Crab Islands.

An update on the Stone Barracks preservation was given by Alice Church. There have been several group meetings of interested persons. A "Friends of Old Stone Barracks" group has been formed, with a badge created by Julie Dowd. Their website is: stonebarracks.weebly.com. BOPA is meeting today, and Bob Parks is

on the BOPA Board and will be attending. A public meeting will be held Friday at 4pm in the Community Room of the County Government Center. The BOPA plan would be for restoration, preservation and adaptive re-use of the Old Stone Barracks. Support is urged by all organizations and citizens of this concept.

Upon motion of Alice Church, seconded by Jerry Bates, it was voted to approve this concept for the Barracks, with a dissenting vote by Margot Zeglis, who could not fairly represent the wishes of her organization. Alice suggested that military based or historical organizations may wish to join the effort, also.

Museum Day is Saturday, June 4th. Bob Parks urged the group's organizations to plan for tours of their sites without an admission fee from 10am to 4pm, using their own staff, rain or shine. Advertisements were requested for space on back of the Museum map. Put in information about your organization, the more diverse, the better. Amanda suggested using the ACCA website for communication on this topic. Notify Bob Parks by April 20th if interested in an ad.

New ACCA website address: <http://adkcoastcultural.weebly.com>

Next ACCA meeting will be at United Way on Wednesday, April 20th at 8am.

Respectfully submitted,

Stan Ransom, Secretary

(Thanks to Tricia Davies for notes)