

Minutes of the Adirondack Coast Cultural Alliance Meeting, January 14, 2016



President Ellen Adams called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. on Thursday, January 14, 2016 at the 'Fishbowl' (Rm 232) in Myers Fine Arts Building, Plattsburgh State University in Plattsburgh (thanks to Samantha Bellinger for hosting).

In attendance were Ellen Adams (ATM+ACCA President), Karen Batchelder (CEFLS), Samantha Bellinger (PSU-Art), Barb Benkwitt (Schuyler Falls Town Historian+ACCA Secretary), Dick Brogowski (Town of Plattsburgh Historian), Julie Dowd (NNYACGS+CCHA), Sandra Geddes (City of Plattsburgh Events/Development), Jane Kelting (Lyon Mountain Friends/Museum), John Krueger (Plattsburgh City Historian), Ricky Laurin (ATM+community), Karyn Norwood (AARCH Programs), Amber Parliament (CoC/Visitors Bureau), Melissa Peck (CCHA+ ACCA Coordinator), Stan Ransom (CVT & MLK Commission), Emily Sullivan (Strand Education), Don Wickman (KDHM).

After introductions all around, the minutes of the December 10th meeting were approved (Stan motioned, John seconded). The treasurer's report shows a balance of \$2116.56 as of December 31, 2015. This end of year financial report was approved (Stan motioned, John seconded). Melissa presented the coordinator's report – she is still considering Twitter for ACCA/more info to follow. Professional development and grants are very useful as posted on ACCA. This is grant season – for example, there is a NYSCA grant due soon (New York Council on the Arts), also Conservation Association. Keep sending events.

Old Business - Articles for the museum corner feature in *The Lake Champlain Weekly* line up is February (Jackie) March (Julie), April (Stan), May (Museum Weekend). Contributors are needed for June and following – contact Ellen if interested. Don's Kent Delord House Museum article just published in January even has the front cover photo!

New Business –

- Most on the Coast (April 23rd, Crete Center) – Sam and Jane to help; talk with Bob Parks about sponsoring the ACCA table
- First Weekends – now Leigh Carter and Denise Duprey are organizing, starts in May. Fridays artwalks, Saturday kids activities. CCHA is partnering with them on Art Walk
- Irish Festival March 12 – This festival will be at the Durkee Street farmer's market building and lot, and will feature music (Glengarry Bhoys), kids activities, ice carving. Sponsored by ARC and others. Second event in the "Discover Plattsburgh" series.
- Downtown Rising – each Friday in the summer in Trinity Park – Conroy's coordinating

Discussion centered around co-promotion of First Weekends and Museum Weekend and other events in the area. Contact Sandra Geddes if you have some ideas about so-promoting your venue/event.

Service Learning in French – Margaret Leone of PSU who had spoken at a recent ACCA meeting is planning a course at PSU for the first Summer Session (June 6 – July 2), and seeking organizations to 'mentor' students and provide projects for them to complete. More details and full solicitation and information to be provided to all very soon by email, with responses to go directly back to Margaret. (Melissa to send out.).

C. William Glidden Recognition – Bill Glidden unfortunately passed away earlier this week. Bill was an

active and founding member of ACCA and its predecessor organization, an expert on military history, Battle of Plattsburgh, former Deputy Historian of the Town of Plattsburgh, and a significant contributor to the community through Kiwanis and Sons of the American Revolution. His wife, Martha Bachman, also a community contributor, survives him.

Barb motioned with Don seconding the ideas John Krueger put forth to recognize and thank Bill for his service to ACCA. John will draft a letter to the editor for Ellen/ACCA's submittal to the Press-Republican, Lake Champlain Weekly, Sun Newspapers (as appropriate) to publically acknowledge Bill's contributions to this area, and to provide same to Martha with our condolences.

Museum Reports -

CCHA – Feb 6 is Make/Take Vintage Valentines for ages 5-13 from 11a to 2p; Feb 17 is a SnowBall Series event (coordinated via City Rec Dept) – at CCHA there will be a Behind-The-Scenes tour. More info see the Snowball page on Facebook (Snowball: A Celebration of Winter in the North Country) [Melissa]

City of Plattsburgh Events – Sandra will promote area events as well as city events, via social media –has over 10,000 followers; her position is now under Development Director which is better fit than Recreation [Sandra]

Plattsburgh State Arts – Docent classes start January 21. Feb 11 – Exhibit by Pete Russom as PSU faculty/painter, Feb 19 is the opening from 4-7 pm, also a painting workshop Feb 19. March 4 - Friends of Art Luncheon, Feb 29-Mar 4 in conjunction with Diversity Week at PSU, a photo contest with Instagram submittals [Samantha]

CV Transportation – The museum will re-open April 1, but those wanting to visit should call the museum. [Stan]

Martin Luther King Commission – Commemoration on Monday, January 18 at the Newman Center, Broad Street, Plattsburgh; Speaker from PSU; donations received provide \$500 scholarships to 2 students based on essay contest. [Stan]

Kent Delord House Museum – Over 130 people attended the Christmas event. The Gold Room is being decorated a la 1928. [Don]

Adirondack Visitors' Bureau/Chamber of Commerce – Amber is taking a new job at ETS as Brand Strategist. Kristy Kennedy will be the ACCA contact for Passport and Visitors' Bureau until such time as there is a new hire. Amber expressed her appreciation and that she's enjoyed her association with the history/arts community and with ACCA. Those present roundly applauded Amber, and will miss her vitality and support. Hashtag to use is #adirondackcoast; #goadirondack also used. The Passport for Museum Weekend is almost set. [Amber]

Strand Arts and Theater – Personnel is changing – seeking a development director. Penny Clute's photography exhibit, and water colors by the Aquarelle Group are in January. See website for more. [Emily]

Alice T. Miner Museum – The long-time Board chair is stepping down. A five-year project of redoing the outside of the museum is underway. [Ellen]

Ag Passport – Ricky brought a sample of an interesting Agriculture Passport from Toronto. Contact him for info.

John moved, Stan seconded to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:30.

NEXT MEETING – Thursday, February 11, 2016 at the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System meeting room, Oak Street, at 8:30 am.

Respectfully submitted, Barb Benkwitt Secretary, ACCA