

Chatham Historical Society
Annual Meeting of Members
August 23, 2020

The business meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm by the Chair Ginny Nickerson, using Zoom. She informed those attending by Zoom that committee reports and the minutes from the 2019 Annual Meeting were all available on the Society's website.

Ginny turned the meeting over to Danielle so she could go over some Zoom features, and Danielle thanked Kevin Wright and Ron Clark for working out the Zoom details.

The meeting returned to Ginny, who asked for a motion to waive the reading of the 2019 meeting minutes. The motion was presented, seconded and approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Linda Cebula reported that the Treasurer's Report was available on the website. She reported that the year 2019 had been a very good year with increases in the income from fundraisers and the value of the portfolio. When the pandemic hit in the first quarter of 2020, it became necessary to economize in every way possible. Thanks to the payroll protection plan through the Cape Cod Five, as well as the efforts of the Board, staff, and supporters, the Atwood House Museum and the Chatham Historical Society will make it to 2021.

Governance & Nominating Report

Craig Vokey reported for the Governance & Nominating Committee.

Craig presented the slate of officers for the year 2020-2021.

They are: Chair – Mike Woehler
 Vice Chair - Steve Nickerson
 Secretary - Betty Schiller
 Treasurer – Linda Cebula

The slate of officers was approved by those present.

Craig presented the Trustees up for election this year.

They are: Steve Burlingame Class of 2024
 Amanda Davis Class of 2024
 Ginny Nickerson Class of 2024

A motion to approve the election of the Trustees as presented was approved. Craig read a list of all members of the Board of Trustees and all Honorary Trustees.

Danielle thanked Ginny for her work as Board Chair for the last three years, and thanked Mike for stepping into the position of Chair at this time.

Executive Director's Report

Danielle reported on the three new exhibits this year. The Turning Point, about the Pilgrims arrival off the coast of what is now Chatham in 1620, and their turning back north because of the shoals off the coast. The exhibit also includes information about the Native Americans who were here at the time and the recently completed WETU which will have a life expectancy of six to eight years. Additional exhibits highlight World War Two and the 100th anniversary of Women's Suffrage.

The Museum hopes to continue to build on interaction with the schools.

Damage from the tornado in July, 2019 included the loss of some trees, some roof work; Danielle's car was also destroyed.

With the corona virus, the staff began working from home. The Museum was able to open July 8th with adjustments made because of the virus. For now, there is a combination of online and onsite programs. We hope to have some lectures and discussion panels remotely.

We look forward to the ongoing support of our members and the community.

Danielle returned the meeting to Ginny who thanked Mike for taking over the position of Chair; she also said that she was honored to have served as Chair over the past three years.

There was no old business and no new business. A motion to adjourn the business meeting was presented and approved at 3:50 pm.

Danielle introduced the speaker who was Mark Novota, who has been at the Wequassett Resort and Golf Club for 35 years. Mark presented an interesting program about Tourism on Cape Cod, and about Wequassett in particular.

Margaret Martin
Assistant Secretary