**Chatham Historical Society**

**Annual Meeting of Members**

**Thursday, September 14, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm in the Mural Barn of the Atwood House Museum.

Board Chair Mike Woehler welcomed those present and expressed the Board’s appreciation of the financial and volunteer support of members and friends of the Atwood House Museum and the Chatham Historical Society.

Executive Director Kevin Wright announced that reports relating to the business of the Annual Meeting are available on the website.

Mike asked for a motion to wave the reading of the Minutes of the 2022 Annual Meeting. This motion was made, seconded, and approved. A motion to approve the Minutes from the 2022 meeting was also approved.

**Treasurer’s Report**

# Treasurer Linda Cebula reminded attendees that the treasurer’s report will be available on the website. Museum attendance has been very good so far this year. Income in all areas has been very healthy and the Chatham Historical Society is on solid ground financially.

# If anyone wants a full copy of the Treasurer’s Report, they may call the museum office for an email of the report.

**Election** **of Officers**

Craig Vokey, Chair of the Governance & Nominating Committee, presented the slate of officers for the year 2023-2024. They are:

Chair: Mike Woehler

Vice Chair: Bonnie Rosenthall

Secretary: Craig Vokey

Treasurer: Linda Cebula

There being no other nominees, a motion to elect the officers as presented was approved.

Craig thanked outgoing Board members Steve Burlingame and Amanda Davis for their service and expressed the hope that they would continue to be involved with the Chatham Historical Society in other capacities.

Craig presented Julie Fleischmann as a member of the Board of Trustee for approval by the membership for a one-year term ending in August, 2024. Her membership was approved.

The Governance and Nominating Committee and Board of Trustees recommends election of Ginny Nickerson to the Honorary Board of Trustees in recognition of her continued tireless work and for and intimate knowledge of the Chatham Historical Society. Ginny was approved for election to the Honorary Board of Trustees by the membership.

Chair Mike Woehler introduced members of the Board of Trustees to the membership. He also introduced the Honorary Trustees to the Membership.

**Executive Director’s Report**

Executive Director Kevin Wright presented his report as a 14 slide PowerPoint presentation covering 2023 exhibits, programming for children, special events, school groups, and the new media and education space.

The business meeting was adjourned by Mike at 5:20 pm.

The program that followed was provided by author/illustrator Bob Staake, Chatham resident. Mr. Staake has provided illustrations and cartoons for many businesses and publications, among a few of them Time magazine, The New Yorker, the Wall Street Journal, and the Chicago Tribune. He has also authored and/or illustrated more than 75 books. His children’s books have been translated into 12 languages.

A question/answer period followed his program at about 6:00 pm.

Kevin thanked the membership for attending.

Minutes by Margaret Martin from notes provided by Kristina Koskores