

Minutes of the Loudon Historical Society
July 12, 2007

Present: Peter Bartlett, Martha Bartlett, Bob Ordway, Dick Malfait, Cynthia Babonis, Linda Hunton, Lester Annis, Ron Lane, Michele York and Dan York

At the start of the meeting, it was decided that we should have another meeting early in August to prepare for Old Home Day. That meeting will be held on August 1. It was also decided that for now, our meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of the month, in order to have time to get the minutes of the meeting into the Loudon Ledger.

The first order of business was to put together a nominating committee to elect new officers. The nominating committee will consist of Michelle York, Ron Lane, Cynthia Babonis and Linda Hunton, with assistance from Dan York. Cyndi will send a letter out to all of the people on the Society's mailing list inviting them to come to our August 1 meeting and voice their opinions about the direction in which the Society is headed and think about voting for or becoming an officer. Michele will look up phone numbers for the people on the mailing list and divide up the list for the purpose of follow-up phone calls by the nominating committee members.

Next on the agenda were ideas for Old Home Day. Bob will open up the Historical Society right after the parade and the following people will assist throughout the day. Others will help as they are able that day.

12:00 – 1:00 Dan and Michele
1:00 – 2:00 Cyndi
2:00 – 3:00 Linda and Lester
3:00 – 4:00 ??????

There will be several stations set up where the public can express their interest in and willingness to help out on future projects. Some of the ideas were oral histories and old Loudon barns. Cyndi will work on the Old Barns idea and Michele will help her design that station. Linda will work on a survey that people can fill out that identifies skills and interests they have that they would be willing to share with the Historical Society.

Next, Bob shared with the group the new items he purchased from our budget. These include a digital camera for taking and storing photos, a digital recorder for oral interviews, a memory stick for storing data and two new tables to replace the old ones. Everyone was pleased with these new items and excited about using them in future projects.

Ron Lane stated that we really need to focus on getting an updated computer in order to accomplish all that we want to do. Everyone agreed it should be a priority in the budget.

Before we closed, Dick Malfait shared with everyone the story of how our Historical Society got the old mailbox and letters from the first Loudon Post Office. It is a remarkable story, which he would be glad to share with anyone who asks!

The meeting adjourned with refreshments and everyone looking forward to next month's meeting on Wednesday, August 1, at 7:00 pm. We are hopeful that more people will join us in keeping Loudon's history alive!