

Loudon Historical Society
General Meeting Minutes
Of September 3, 2008

Present: Ron Lane, Michele York, Linda Hunton, John Plummer, Henry Frost, Betty Frost, Carisa Corrow, Retta Weaver, Faye Atkinson

Ron Lane opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ron informed us that Galen Beale is interested in being curator, but would like us to find an assistant for her.

Michelle reminded us that Darryl Thompson will be here on September 17 to present A Shaker Legacy. He will bring his own screen, but will need a table and an extension cord. The program will start at 7:30, and we should be here by 6:30 to set up the room. Michele will buy refreshments from the petty cash fund. Michele will also check with the Humanities Council about the kit containing the surveys.

Cindy Babonis was recently able to help a man who was looking for information on the Cate family, and the man was very grateful.

Doug Cole has offered to donate plants for future events, fundraisers, etc.

We went over the calendar of upcoming events. It was suggested that we do Front Porch Stories in January.

Carisa will get the seniors who worked on the cemetery project to develop a database for their information on Loudon cemeteries, including pictures taken. She will also be working with National Honor Society students who wish to do oral histories. She will work with the NHS advisor and president to organize the project. She has approximately 30 students interested. We thought it would be best to have two students do each history, so we could potentially finish 15 histories. Michele suggested doing the people on the priority two list, as they would be a little easier for the students to interview. We will try to get some local students to do some of the priority one people. Each interview is expected to last 3-4 hours. Michele and Carisa will set up a date to meet with the advisor and plan. Carisa will get back to Michele

with three possible dates. It was suggested that we might be able to use Skype.

Carisa also felt that some students may want to work with Galen. There are many possibilities for senior projects with the Loudon Historical Society.

Linda Hunton said she would be willing to do the oral history on Lester Annis, who is her uncle. Fay Atkinson said she would do Melvin and Eileen Mulkhey.

We need to put a notice in the Loudon Ledger asking for suggestions of names of people on whom we could do oral histories.

Henry Frost donated a church bulletin from the Loudon Freewill Baptist Church dated July 4, 1976, on the 200th Anniversary of our country. He also donated a church bulletin from the 200th Anniversary celebration of the Loudon Meeting House, dated September 9, 1979, and an Old Home Day flyer from 1988.

Faye asked for some data for her husband Bruce to use for a trial run of the database he is creating for us.

Ron talked about the picnic at Sabattis Heights. Ron and John Plummer did a presentation on this famous Native American, which was attended by about 20 people.

We discussed possible outlets to let people know about upcoming events. Suggestions were Concord Monitor town crier section, the Loudon Ledger, the Suncook Valley Sun, and the Loudon or Historical Society websites.

John Plummer informed us that he will be on an episode of NH Chronicle at the end of September.

John showed us a candleholder that was given to his mother as a gift from the Shakers years ago. He also shared with us two publications he has: Living on Half a Dime a Day – An Actual Experience, written by Elizabeth Monmouth and published by the Shakers, and a list entitled The Nine Cardinal Principles of Shakerism.

The next general meeting will be on Wednesday, October 1, 2008, at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Hunton, Secretary

*Minutes read and accepted at the October 1, 2008 General Meeting.