

**MINUTES
GAHWNY BUSINESS MEETING
SPRING MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Saturday, May 9, 2009

Homestead Event Center
Batavia, N.Y. 14020

The meeting was opened at 10:45 a.m. by Susan Conklin. In excess of 60 members were present.

Minutes from the meeting of officers and liaisons on January 24, 2009 were brought to the attention of the assembled members. Susan noted that the minutes had been approved previously by the Executive Committee.

Treasure's Report:

The following report, dated May 7, 2009, was submitted by Amie Alden, Treasurer:

Membership to date

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(It was the intention of leadership to give the new Erie County Historian, as the 100th member, some mementos in recognition of his status as member number 100. However, since he was absent, the items were given instead to Town of Salamanca Historian, William Goodman, who was the 99th member.)

Income (since inception)

Membership dues	\$2,590.00
Donations	200.00
Spring meeting	1,190.00

Expenses (since inception)

Checking account

\$2,856.49

Undeposited checks

\$110.00

Review of what has been accomplished:

Susan Conklin observed that several significant steps have been completed. They include the following:

- A mission statement has been written and adopted.
- By-laws have been written and adopted.
- A code of ethics has been written and adopted.
- A bank account has been established.
- A program meeting structure policy has been written and adopted.

Future trips:

Susan Conklin described trips that are “in the works.” They include expeditions for each of the following years:

2010

Assemblyman Steve Hawley will be hosting a trip to Albany in the spring of 2010 for local government officials. He has invited local historians to participate. Activities would include time at the State Archive and various tours. Forms were distributed for expressing an interest in the trip. They should be returned to Rep. Hawley.

2011

Preliminary plans are being developed for a trip to Washington, D.C. in 2011.

2012

Website review:

Webmaster Cindy Amrhein reviewed her development of the GAHWNY website, to date. Images were projected on a screen to display the various features of the website. Cindy also indicated several additional items that members are encouraged to send to her for inclusion. They include:

- Pictures of local places of historical significance.
- Pictures of local persons, including biographical information.
- Lists of publications.
- Events (at least two weeks in advance).
- Video clips of events.

Cindy will be adding an online store with Tee-shirts, bags, mugs, and other such items.

Members expressed appreciation for the excellent work that Cindy has performed in her creation of our website.

New business:

Lawrence Haseley reported that 15 persons from western New York attended the APHNYS conference the previous week. He shared some of the data collected in an APHNYS survey of public historians. It was observed that interested parties should be able to find this information posted on the APHNYS website.

The meeting was adjourned at noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry D. Barnes, Secretary

