

## **GAHWNY General Meeting** – Batavia, Genesee County, NY – April 28, 2012

Meeting opened at 11:46 A.M

Special guest present, Robert Weible, State Historian

**Greeting** by Sue Conklin, GAHWNY Chair, and meeting brought to order.

**Minutes** from the September 24, 2011 Meeting held at the Chautauqua Institute in Chautauqua County was read by secretary, Cindy Amrhein. Two corrections in member names were noted. Scott Benz motioned to accept minutes with corrections, seconded by Lynne Belluscio. Minutes were then accepted with corrections.

**Treasurer's Report** for September 2011 to April 2012 was given by treasurer, Amie Alden. Copy of report is in folder. After figuring expenses from this conference balance on hand is approximately \$4,700, \$72 of which was from donations. Scott Benz motioned to accept treasures report, seconded by Nancy Eckerson. Treasurer's report accepted as read.

**Membership Report** given by Amie Alden. As of 2012 spring conference, membership is 101, about the same as last year. We've had consistent attendance at meeting, usually 70+ people. (Full report with four year overview in folder.)

**Website Report** was given by webmaster, Cindy Amrhein. A search engine was added to the website. Some statistics of who is visiting the website was given. Traffic has steadily increased since its creation in 2009 with 1,712 visitors, 2010>2,930, 2011>2,762, and 1,107 visitors already as of April 2012. Visitors also include people from Canada, France, Germany, Great Britain, Russia and others. People are also downloading handouts from our website, the Livingston County History (147), "Do We Need A Vision?" (118), Genesee's Famous (70), and the filing system information (85).

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**GAHWNY History Student Award.** A resolution was posed for the board to set up a committee to come up with forms for the award to be given to one graduate from each community college in WNY who plan to continue their education to a 4 year college with a major in history. Jody Shaw made a motion to accept the resolution, seconded by Larry Haseley. Resolution passed by a unanimous vote.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Nominating Committee Appointment.** Four positions are up: Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer & Secretary. Rob Goller to be Committee Chair, along with two others for the committee.

**Announcement** of the GAHWNY 2012 Fall meeting to be held on September 29, 2012 at SUNY Brockport

