

GAHWNY SPRING BUSINESS MEETING, SATURDAY APRIL 20, 2013

BOHN'S RESTAURANT, BATAVIA, NY 14020

Meeting called to order by Executive Chair Amie Alden. at 11:30 AM.

Minutes: The Fall 2012 meeting in Brockport were distributed. Jeff Mason (Arcade) moved minutes be approved. Georgianne Bowman (North Collins) accepted. Passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Doris Bannister, GAHWNY Treasurer reported that between 09/14/2012 - 04/05/2013 GAHWNY income was \$3840.00 with expenses of \$3611.84. The Five Star Bank account total prior to the Spring meeting was \$6536.82 with undeposited funds of \$700 and outstanding expenses for the Spring 2013 meeting of approximately \$1800. The complete report is on file and posted on the GAHWNY web site.

Treasurer's Report accepted.

Membership Report: Doris Bannister, GAHWNY Treasurer. The current list of paid members was distributed. As of the Spring 2013 meeting there were 97 paid members (about 33% and on track with prior years). Dues forms are mailed with the registration packets sent out with Spring and Fall meetings. Amie Alden noted that many members are taking advantage of the Early Bird discounts offered for meeting registration and that vouchers from local governments can be accepted for these discounts as well.

It was noted that members holding two or more offices (such as a Town Historian who is also the Village Historian of the same name) are listed only once on the member list because of the way the dues are structured. Amie Alden noted that the GAHWNY Master list contains all the county, town, village, city, and Indian Reservations in the 11 counties within western New York.

There was discussion about the possibility of distributing email addresses of members so GAHWNY members could communicate more easily and also the possibility of establishing a separate list serve for this purpose. Amie Alden stated that the GAHWNY Executive board would discuss this topic at the June 2013 meeting in East Aurora.

Old Business

GAHWNY STUDENT HISTORY AWARD: Amie Alden announced that on June 1st 2013 she sent press releases to announcing the implementation of the 1st GAHWNY Student History Award of up to \$1000 to all the community colleges in Western New York including: Erie Community College, Finger Lakes Community College, Genesee Community College, Jamestown Community College, Monroe Community College, and Niagara Community College.

This award will be offered to any student graduating from a WNY community college who is going onto an accredited four-year school in New York State as a History major. Students must submit proof of graduation from a community college listed above and acceptance to a four-year school. The \$1000 award will be divided

GAHWNY 30-YEAR SERVICE RECOGNITIONS: This tradition began at the Spring 2011 in Batavia and the GAHWNY Board has continued at each Spring meeting recognizing local government historians in Western New York, regardless of whether or not the individual pays dues to GAHWNY. Historians are presented with a certificate of appreciation and a corsage. A photograph is taken of the group each year as well. If not present at the Spring meeting, a certificate is sent by mail. Amie Alden announced this year's recipients.

Barbara Wise, Villanova Town Historian, Chautauqua County

Dr. Neil Johnson, Albion Village Historian, Orleans County

Dr. Preston Pierce, Ontario County Historian (not present)

CRYSTAL BEAVER AWARD: The Crystal Beaver has been the region's mascot for 40 years. Cindy Amrhein created a link on the GAHWNY web site featuring the adventures of Crystal as well as created items for sale through Zazzle with Crystal's logo. Amie Alden encouraged historians in Western New York to submit creative short stories starring Crystal along with new or vintage photographs showcasing regional historic sites to the web master so more virtual adventures can be added. This can be a fun and educational tool for all ages.

GAHWNY has carried on the tradition of awarding temporary possession of the Crystal Beaver to the county with the greatest number of historians in attendance at the fall and spring meetings. A show of hands was counted by county: Allegany 5, Cattaraugus 2, Chautauqua 4, Erie 8, Genesee 15, Livingston 9, Monroe 9, Niagara 4, Ontario 3, Orleans 4, Wyoming 5.

Monroe County representative Carol Coburn, Ogden Town Historian, who took possession at the Fall 2012 meeting in Brockport, handed over Crystal to Genesee County. Carol told the audience that Crystal had attended various events in Monroe County and they enjoyed having her as a special guest.

Announcements:

The Fall 2013 Meeting will be held in the Village of East Aurora, Town of Aurora, Erie County. Date – TBA. GAHWNY will be celebrating our 5-year anniversary!

Susan Conklin, Genesee County Historian, announced the relocation of the Genesee County History Department Research Library, to County Building 2, 3837 West Main Street Road, Batavia, NY 14020. Susan said the new location will have better accessibility and anticipated the research library would be completely settled by early summer.

THE BUSINESS MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 12:20 PM.

Submitted by:

Candace Broughton, GAHWNY Secretary

July 30, 2013

