

## Minutes of June 17, 2017 LITVRHS Board Meeting

Location: Sayville Library

Attending: Connie Currie, Bill Mozer, Richard Hawkins, Bob Necci, John Vuolo, Jay Elzweig, Howard Bernstein, Bill Terry, Chris Kretz, Bob Lundquist, Ed, Taylor, Natalie Stiefel, Bill Noonan

Meeting time: 1001am-130pm

What transpired:

- 1) Dave Griese from the FILHHS made a surprise visit to thank our Organization for delving into the history of the radio annex. He mentioned the following:
  - a) The LH is looking for personal histories of those connected with its past
  - b) They give tours to 38,000 visitors per year
  - c) They feel it was important to express the history of the radio annex and we have the complete support and encouragement of their Board
  - d) They are ready to help with grants for displays and the editing of our video which may also lead to making a brochure and research file in the LH Library
  - e) Annex access will not be possible due to the sensitivity of the annex being a residence and law enforcement building
- 2) President report: Connie made an introduction to the meeting and pointed out that a historical society moves slowly and is much different than a radio club. Since the Organization is working with the SCCC, it will attract young people and disseminate history
- 3) Bill Mozer VP report:
  - a) By Laws draft was reviewed during the month and redrafted by the Committee
  - b) Encourages emails amongst Board prior to meetings to iron out issues and reduce meeting time
  - c) Google docs is a great repository and is backed up on the cloud and everyone has access
  - d) Evernotes should also be used
  - e) Minutes and Treasurer's documents should be uploaded to Google docs
  - f) Privacy of student records was discussed
  - g) Board must vote to approve using our name with other organizations
  - h) Distant Sparks: Individual articles are property of authors and authors must be contacted for permission to reprint. We will add this clause and a copyright clause when we put Distant Sparks up on our website. Copyright date should be date of the issue
  - i) We should get permission/release form forms signed by future contributors/authors
  - j) Free conference call system is working well and should be used frequently
  - k) Bill invited the gentlemen who retrofits old radios with Bluetooth to come to the September meeting
  - l) Buying and selling of equipment: We discussed a possible procedure for selling any assets or acquired items for the purpose of generating cash for the Organization
  - m) Donation forms needed for equipment donations

- 4) Treasurer's Report Ed Taylor:
  - a) We approved the \$62.00 template fee of Nancy Verdi
  - b) Net worth of Organization was reported
  - c) Andy Bidoni new member and friend of Howard \$25.00 (\$23.97 net after fees). Andy designed the receivers used at RCA Riverhead and was recently called out to Dillman's location for consultation on receivers he designed that are at KPH
- 5) Corresponding Secretary:
  - a) Natalie spoke of her activities centering around Distant Sparks and displays which she likes to do and making up membership forms
  - b) Natalie invited us to visit the Rocky Point museums and a number of members will go prior to the Tesla expo
  - c) No report from Recording Secretary
- 6) Open discussion on By Laws line by line. A new draft will be made and further work is needed on the number of officers/quorum and some other minor issues
- 7) Bob Necci reported on attending with Connie the NYS symposium on Charities and he prepared a detailed memo of the highlights which was handed out along with the detailed booklet from the Symposium. Most important point is that 'ignorance' of a board is not a defense and that misconduct if fined will be paid personally by any board in infraction
- 8) Mission statement: We must compare the Charter statement with the By Laws draft for consistency
- 9) \$15 senior membership will be grandfathered in for those already having it. Otherwise its discontinued
- 10) Howard in response to Connie's request gave his vision of this organization's Mission
- 11) Committees renaming suggestions:
  - a) Membership
  - b) Outreach (to include exhibits)
  - c) Finance
  - d) By Laws
  - e) Communications (to include website)
  - f) Electoral
  - g) Audit
  - h) Assets

Committee reports to be tendered by email prior to the meetings

- 12) Artifacts discussion: Howard reported on helping organize the SCCC inventory
- 13) Bill spoke of setting up a video at the LIE tourist stop in Suffolk
- 14) Bill brought to the meeting the 3 radios obtained for free, in response to Facebook posting and they were given to Bill Terry to bring to SCCC
- 15) John showed his WW1 telephone-CW unit which is a fascinating piece of equipment. It will be used at SCCC on display