

Location: Sayville Library

Attending: Connie Currie, Bill Mozer, Richard Hawkins, Bob Necci, John Vuolo, Jay Elzweig, Howard Bernstein, Chris Kretz, Ed Taylor. Natalie Stiefel. 10 board members present and quorum reached.

Meeting time: 10:05-am-1:26pm

Meeting Presentation: John Vuolo and Connie Currie graciously 'shlepped in' interesting exhibits for our Show and Tell:

WW1 Western Buzzer phone used to signal from the trenches

WW1 Army crystal radio

WW1 Army signal flags

Books and video tapes to be accessioned into our Sayville Library exhibit

The WW1 artifacts will be transferred to our SCCC store room for eventual display at the college WW1 exhibit come January

Howard brought in a Marconi Telegraph Co. Stock Certificate replica that was issued to himself

++ Minutes of July 15 meeting were approved.

President's Report: Connie Currie

- 1) Connie informs a podcast will be made soon of Al Bernstein at SCCC about his teaching and TV career. We will then try to find out the status of formalizing our relationship with the college
- 2) Harold Campbell 1920s QSL cards that we accessioned some years back were brought to the meeting. It was later determined that there was one very valuable card from 1AW, signed by Hiram Percy Maxim, who later became the founder of the ARRL. Additionally there are about 150 cards from the Spark Gap days which are also valuable to collectors

Vice President's Report: Bill Mozer

- 1) Distant Sparks: Bill diligently and attractively put all 29 issues in 4 binders. New board members should read them and Bob Necci took the set. All 29 issues are digitized and up on our new website
- 2) Map website project: Bill will make it in layers such as historical layer, current times layer and celebrities layer so that it will be less cluttered. Board members showed interest to learn how to add historical data to the map and each member will take a location and be in charge of adding to it. Instructions/demonstration on how to do this will follow shortly and this will be a group project for the Board

- 3) Jay Elzweig made a major effort and found 127 celebrities that once lived on Long Island and in some cases what street address. All of this information will be populated on to the web map. Jay has also put this information in a very big binder which can be added to the Sayville Library collection
- 4) Googledocs: Bill explained how this works and what LIRTVHS documents are already up
- 5) Podcast of Andy Bodony, RCA Engineer, inventor, entrepreneur: Chris Kretz taped the 1.5 hour podcast of Andy's career history at his home along with Bill Mozer and Howard Bernstein present. Chris is editing now and this will be the first official LIRTVHS Podcast which will go up on the website soon.
- 6) Evernote: This is our backend repository for all our emails, photos and documents. It is now copying our board email exchanges and archiving
- 7) Email duplications still a problem on our board email group and Bill will try to fix it
- 8) Team Viewer, which is a live computer to computer session, can be used to give any board member a tutorial on computer related 'how to do things' issues
- 9) Bill discussed the need to have guest speakers and a Program Committee to coordinate these events

Treasurer's report: Ed Taylor

- 1) Total membership and annual paying members reviewed
- 2) Our expenses to activate Evernote and final payment to Hummingbird Web Design were declared
- 3) Net worth of LIRTVHS updated
- 4) Going forward, the Board is to get copies of all spreadsheets from Ed

Secretary Report:

Board asked for Minutes to be issued within one week of any meeting

Committee Reports:

- 1) By-Laws Committee:
 - a) By Laws draft: Board members were given the draft in the advance of this meeting to preview.
 - b) The revised Mission Statement currently up on the new website was adopted as the new mission statement of this organization
 - c) Official name change to Long Island Radio & TV Historical Society was discussed and then voted on and approved by the Board. Bob Necci will now make all the appropriate changes with NYS, IRS and banks etc.
 - d) Future potential need and use of PO box was voted down for now
 - e) By Laws draft was approved by the Board for presentation and acceptance at the November general meeting

2) Education Committee:

- a) WW1 artifacts: We have enough now for the SCCC exhibit in January
- b) Natalie Stiefel reports that the donated RCA Central photos will go up in the Rocky Point Hallock Museum soon with signage stating the exhibit was donated by LIRTVHS
- c) Airpower Museum: We will discuss with the museum after September 20 what can be done together
- d) Podcast projects: Chris Kretz reports:
 - aa) Andy Bodony podcast will be put up on the website soon
 - bb) Chris wants to do an oral history of all the Board Member's connection to radio and TV history as an introduction to LIRTVHS official first podcast (Andy Bodony)
 - cc) Chris would like to do as many podcasts as possible and was asking for suggestions. Howard suggested we try to get Bob Lundquist and Andy Bodony together so we can record their memories of RCA Central
 - dd) Perhaps a Gardner Grant could be obtained to cover the costs of training Long Island history buffs how to do podcast interviews. This has to be researched.

3) Suffolk County Community College (SCCC) Committee:

- a) There will be an upcoming radio history lecture and reception in the Library that we will attend sometime in November
- b) SCCC will have an internet radio station soon and Connie Currie has made 22 one minute recordings called "A minute of Long Island Radio History" which will be broadcasted

4) Promotion Committee:

- a) Bob Necci will make regular press releases to various news outlets informing our activities and meeting dates
- b) Bob Necci will look into corporate funding by contacting big electronic companies
- c) Jon Kummer will be contacted to see if we can promote our group via an email blast to his Antique Radio Classified Magazine membership list
- d) The old Sayville Court house building on 190 Railroad Ave was once considered as a potential museum spot for our organization. Bob Necci is going to contact the Town of Islip to see what the current situation is.
- e) Our membership list is going to be updated and all members will be contacted monthly and the Minutes will be sent along with a President's report.

5) Electoral Committee:

- a) Nomination forms were given out so that Board Members could declare what positions they were interested to run for
- b) The Board accepted the resignations of Dan Cox, Bill Terry and Bob Lundquist all who have other commitments at this time
- c) An Emeritus Board member position was approved by the Board

- 6) Sayville Library Committee: 5 books donated by board members Bob Necci and Bill Mozer plus one book from an outside source will be accessioned and added to our library collection

Old Business: Nothing was pending

New Business:

- 1) Gardner Grants: We have now the list of the recent grants on Long Island and what organization received them and for what purpose. We are going to review this process and see if we can qualify for a grant. The action plan will be:
 - a) We will ask Linda Conron of the Sayville Historical Society to come to speak to us about how to apply for a grant.
 - b) We will contact the Gardner Foundation for advice
- 2) Future Projects:
 - a) The Long Island Science Center is moving from Rocky Point to Riverhead. In July some of the Board visited with their new director Mary Cunningham to discuss how we might partner with them. This project can be revisited in about 1 year as they are just relocating now and it will be awhile before they are operational
 - b) SCCC: To take the initiative on formalizing our relationship, we discussed preparing a letter of intent to move the process forward
 - c) LI Welcome Center on the LIE: We will contact the Center and see if there is any chance to have a display.
 - d) We discussed having Chris Kretz make an audio public service announcement about LIRTVHS for distribution to the media
 - e) Ham Radio University Jan 6: Howard Bernstein was asked to do a presentation on the Fire Island Lighthouse Communications paper he wrote but has a conflict for that day. HRU is asking if we have another speaker
 - f) Contacting other Long Island museums for partnering and display of our artifacts: Howard Bernstein will lead this effort
 - g) We will ask other museums if they have any radio and TV artifacts to donate to LIRTVHS
 - h) Bill Mozer will ask a friend about potential warehouse space for our artifacts
- 3) Goals
 - a) Our operating budget was discussed and the need for future income raising through events, donations and corporate grants all being essential for our survival
 - b) Distant Sparks Magazine might be revived with an issue called "The Best Of Distant Sparks".
- 4) We will attend Sayville Give Back day October 14

NEXT BOARD MEETING: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2017, 10 AM.
MEMBERS WELCOMED