

**Fredericton North Heritage Association
Board Meeting, February 2, 2016**

Minutes

Present: Eric Megarity, Anne Trecartin, Diana Moore, Sharon Hallett, Bob McNeil, Dow Johnston, Marjorie Hughes, Peter Malmberg

Eric called the meeting to order at approximately 2 p.m. In the absence of a secretary, Diana agree to take the minutes.

1. St. Mary's Church Hall not available for next meeting of membership. Options were discussed. Eric contacted Willie O'Ree Place and booked a room on the second floor. Eric will bring coffee and doughnuts. Diana will place sign at St. Mary's redirecting attendees on the day of the meeting. Dow will contact the speaker, Gleaner, CBC re change in location. Bob to look after audio-visual needs of speaker.

2. Finance. Marjorie reported a balance of \$3934.79 as of end of January. No outstanding bills. Eric asked if Fred White had applied for a grant from the City (Arts, Culture and Heritage). No one knew.

3. Anne Trecartin has taken on responsibility for membership. Eric asked when renewals are to occur. Membership ends in March: members should be encouraged to renew in April/May, at Heritage Fair and regular meetings.

4. Journal. Bob reported that the 2016 edition is at pre-press. Some minor changes are required. It will go to press soon enough to be ready in time for the Heritage Fair.

5. Identification and Preservation. Committee met to plan for future efforts. A number of projects were identified. For example:

- concentrate on "at risk" buildings that may disappear in the near future. Identify and describe and document their history where possible. Identify buildings for listing on the City's Historic Places Registry. The Main Street Renewal project is a concern.
- publish histories of farms and businesses in the Journal
- check with the Marysville Heritage group to see what they are doing in terms of identification and preservation (for other ideas)

6. Programme and Publicity

- March speaker to be Brent Suttie, a local archeologist who will discuss recent "finds" and investigations into sites in the city
- May speaker: David Hildebrand, to discuss the Hildebrand farm and the Dobie farm

Other business:

- Tenth Annual Heritage Fair to be held April 30th at Kinsman Centre. Bob has prepared a guide to organizing this event. Volunteers needed to bring this event off.

- Dow asked if there could be more frequent business meetings following the speaker at the monthly meeting (in order to engage and inform the membership.) General agreement.

- Eric suggested it might be time to approach the membership about the future of the Association. Dwindling membership numbers and lack of participation is an issue. Eric/Bob will develop a few questions to circulate to the members in hopes of stimulating a discussion about this challenge.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15.