

VOCA Fall Meeting

Date: October 07, 2017

Location: ST. Monica's Church in Barre, VT

In Attendance: 29 members

Meeting called to order at 10:04AM by President Tom Giffin

Secretary's Report:

- The minutes of the spring 2016 meeting were read
 - Randy Roberts motioned to accept the minutes as presented, Nicole Vecchi seconded, all in favor, motion passed unanimously

President's Report:

- Whiting Cemetery was done as a favor. Unsure if it will be done in 2018.
- Tom read the cemeteries he was involved in since June 2017
 - The cemeteries cannot get volunteers
 - Communities have been talking about ideas
- The State Archaeologist contacted Tom regarding the African American cemetery in Castleton
 - Comcast was contacted
 - Tom is facilitating this work
- Thank you to Tom Ledoux
- Thank you to Barry Trudor for the website
- VOCA's Facebook page has over 200 members
- Tom has been keeping busy and doing presentations throughout the year

Treasurer's Report:

- **See attached**
 - Dolly motioned to accept the report as presented, Rebecca Hougher seconded, all in favor, motion passed unanimously

Miscellaneous Report:

- Whit addressed the group on the Vanguard situation
 - Years ago he suggested that we take \$40,000 from the Dean Fund and invest in the Vanguard fund.
 - Reason being that the fees are the lowest in the industry (as low as .25%/ year when others are as high as 5%/ year)
 - Two (2) names were put on the account (Tom Giffin and Chris Book)
 - The account was set up as discussed and voted upon. However, Whit determined that the money was still in a brokerage account with Vanguard earning very little interest
 - Tom and Chris will sign another application to move the money from the brokerage to the investment account (Wellington)
 - Tom and Chris will also sign authorization for Whit to have access to the information on the account,
 - Nicole suggested a paper trail so we can better track communications
 - Whit gave paperwork to Tom who will sign and get Chris to countersign

Grants Report:

- **See attached**
 - Nicole Vecchi motioned to accept the report as presented, Dolly seconded, all in favor, motion passed unanimously

Membership Report:

- **See attached**

Old Business:

- VOCA Logo contest
 - It was decided at the Spring meeting to have a contest to develop an official logo
 - Dianne handed out 4 options to be considered
 - It was decided at the Executive Meeting to keep the contest in-house
 - Dianne mentioned that Arthur Hyde was her Grandfather. She recalled fond memories of him driving through Ferrisburgh and Monkton planting red geraniums on all their ancestors' graves.
 - Dianne would like at least one (1) red geranium in the logs to honor Arthur Hyde.
 - Nicole determined we would need specs for the logo
 - She will draft them
 - Nicole suggested a main logo and an abbreviated logo
 - Lisa Wernhoff made a motion to have the contest with results presented and voted on at the spring meeting in May. Dolly seconded, all in favor, motion passed unanimously
 - An addendum was added that whatever is decided at the May meeting, the Board will have the final say on the logo.
- Permanent Fund CD
 - This CD is 100% insured with no risk involved
 - Tom prefers that the president not be listed on the account
 - It should be Chris Book (Treasurer) and one (1) additional officer
 - Nicole Vecchi made a motion for \$25,000 go into the CD at Key Bank , Gabby seconded,
 - Amended motion was made for \$25,000 go into the CD at Key Bank at the highest interest possible with no risk and be insured
 - motion passed unanimously
- Jane Fletcher made a motion to change the bylaws to include that the current webmaster become a voting member of the Executive Board
 - The Current webmaster, Barry Trudor is happy being an adjunct to the Executive Board

New Business:

- Swag
 - Dianne said a woman in Orleans, VT named Marcia currently has our unofficial logo.
 - Dianne already personally paid the \$25.00 set up fee (Other companies in Chittenden County are charging \$200.00 for a set up fee)
 - Marcia will piece mail any orders
 - The Monies generated will end up in the permanent fund
 - Barry Trudor inquired about trade marking our logo
 - Jack Cashman made a motion to proceed with ordering from Marcia, Dolly seconded
 - Amended motion to include linking our website. Facebook page to Marci's website
 - all in favor, motion passed unanimously
- Spring 2018 Meeting, Saturday May 5th
 - Meeting to be in Northfield, VT at Brown Public Library Meeting Room (Next door to the Northfield Historical Society)
 - Lunch will be Sheppard's Pie, salad and cookies
 - The afternoon presentation will be a tour of the cemeteries that they have worked on
- Rutland needs a County Rep. Tom has been the interim rep.
- Officers
 - Jeni Newman as secretary
 - Barbe Giffin made a motion to keep current secretary , Dolly seconded, all in favor, motion passed unanimously
 - Jeni Newman read the current Officers:
 - Thomas Giffin, President
 - Dianne Leary, 1st VP and Grants Administrator
 - Chris Book , Treasurer
 - Whit Mowry, Asst. Treasurer
 - Jane Fletcher, Newsletter Editor
 - Motion passed to keep all officers for 2018

Barbe Giffin motioned to adjourn; Dolly seconded; all in favor, motion passed unanimously.

Meeting concluded at 11:48AM

Respectfully submitted,

Jeni Newman, Secretary

