

VOCA minutes for the Spring meeting May 3, 2014

Held at St. Michael's College members present 26

Meeting called to order at 10:04 AM by Pres. Giffin. The President welcomed everyone and asked them to introduce themselves.

Secretary's Report: 10/5/13 Annual Meeting and the 4/14/14 Board Meeting approved as read. Comment: the Partridge bequest does not reflect in the report as income.

President's Report: 1. Green Mt. Power donated daffodills to plant. 2. Hildene trip. 3. Stolen markers to be returned to Hudson Falls, NY. 4. Good comments on the Website and Face book , thanks to Barry and Tom's work. 5. We are up to date with the VT Sec. of State. 6. DOC work crews - have taken over some Addison County cemeteries. Call Tom G. if you have an issue. 7. D-2 is available as a stone cleaner.

Treasurer's Report: 1. Printed account presented, it is attached. Only shows assets review. Does not show income sources and disbursements . Question raised as to whether we could do better with our Dean Fund. Motion made and seconded to accept the amounts. Carried

Secretary's Announcements : 1. There will be a small Townshend restoration workshop opportunity contact CEM before 5/15.

2. AGS Conference will be in Indiana - Sec. Marchant will go and have a VOCA booth there. 3. GPS- it is being done, check your town to see if locations are correct. Check the towns around you.. 4. E-911 addresses: Same as GPS check, your town to see if it has been done - it is an assignment. 5. Stones and Bones ; see Chris Book or Charlie Marchant, if you want to distribute some to schools. 6. Townshend Cemetery tour on 5/11. 7 Explanation of unauthorized possession of markers. 8. We have a sales table here. 9. Some comments on D-2. 10 VOCA's Peggy Jenks has been given the Association of Gravestone Studies (AGS) Forbes Award. She will receive it in June in Indiana. It is the organization's highest award.

Grants Report: Attached

Editor's Report: 1. Bill Wild is looking for grants to help us. 2. Received a letter from Alaska with some favorable comments.

Old Business: 1. IRS standing - is being done after 4/15, no word yet. 2. Footstones and County Reps list needs to be updated. 3. Signs - Cliff has prices. Motion made and seconded to spend not more that \$400 for signs. This replaces and earlier motion of \$200 due to prices received.

New Business: 1. Vandalism fund bill H-0810 update - not going forward this session, will look into it again next session. 2. Dean Fund - how to get more income. 3. Tom Ledoux and Barry Trutor gave a presentation on the web site up date and demonstrated it's current status.

Proposal: promote an internet research team by means of links. Update the Burial Grounds of Vermont town surveys. Send updates to Tom.

Motion to adjourn at 12:16 PM.

After lunch the speaker was Lucian Hayes on the use of Burial Permits.

Charles E. Marchant, Sec.

Note: Clayton Trutor is VOCA's new County Rep. for Grand Isle County