

**SPRAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2013**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm by Chair Pam Matthews. Present were Treasurer Judy Synnett, Clerk Mary Delaney, Denise Dembinski, Joan Ryan, Sandy Carter, Jeannette Deschamps, Glenn Cheney, Curator Roy Hoffman, and Secretary Colette Hoffman.

1. Approval of minutes

Minutes of June 25, 2013 were approved.

2. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report of June 26 to September 24, 2013 was approved.

3. Museum Clerk Report

Mary Delaney's monthly report was presented: Reported 100 visitors have come to the museum.

The safe was purchased and delivered on July 30th. (Thanks to Denise Dembinski for getting the funds from Pfizer to pay for the safe and the 10% coupon which saved us \$100.)

Diana Perkins came to visit and brought her award for first place in historical fiction category. It's on display until September 27.

Donations included: Absentee ballot applications from 1949 from Randy Wilkinson; Sayles School class picture in Washington, D.C. from Richard Douville; A 1961 Coca Cola bottle found in Beaver Brook from Mason Matthews; Seven scrapbooks and three photo albums to copy, scan, and return from Jimmy Stefon; A T-shirt for World Special Olympic Games, Sprague host Gabon from Judy Synnett; Book on The Underground Railroad in CT plus one newspaper article on the mill from Glenn Cheney; One newspaper article on Baltic Mills from Margaret Becker; "Pride of Baltic" pad, Clayton H. Rood Inc. from David Rood; Picture of St. Mary's Church with Jesus in the sky from Fr. Tito; and Picture of Versailles from Tom McLaughlin.

4. 2014 Historical Society Calendar

Discussion of 2014 Calendar design.

5. Old Business

Mary and Reg went to Hartford to look into a plaque for Dennis Delaney.

Discussion of purchasing a TV and a dehumidifier for the safe. Joan to check on the dehumidifier at Tractor Supply.

Discussion of New Hanover Cemetery sign. Discussion of SHS sign for the Grist Mill.

6. New Business

Discussion of decorating the museum with old toys and old ornaments for the Holidays.

Discussion on SHS engraved hand-outs like pencils or post cards to hand out to visiting students. Jeannette to order the pencils.

Discussion of a bus trip to Newburg, NY to visit their museum and give them picture of Newburg.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Colette Hoffman and Glenn Cheney, Secretaries