

**SPRAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2013**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by acting Chair Denise Dembinski. Present were Treasurer Judy Synnett, Clerk Mary Delaney, Joan Ryan, Sandy Carter, Curator Roy Hoffman, and Secretary Colette Hoffman. Cathy Osten arrived at 7:20 pm.

**1. Approval of minutes**

Minutes of May 28, 2013 were approved.

**2. Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's report of April 24 to June 25, 2013 was approved.

**3. Museum Clerk Report**

Mary Delaney's monthly report was presented: Three class trips visited the museum. On May 30, 2013 – two kindergarten classes (39 students) from Sayles School, June 5, 2013 – the Fourth grade class (9 students) from St. Joseph's School, and on June 12, 2013 – two third grade classes (40 students) from Sayles School.

"Glenn Cheney did a fantastic job talking to the students about Sprague's history."

A new bookcase and cabinet was delivered on June 13 from the Town.

Donations included: A picture of Mother Carola from Sr. M. Michele, three old bottles from Dave & Lisa Giroux, a flag stand and flag from the Town, and a book by Bill Stanley and The Forgotten Founders from Debra Froio.

Roy suggested that Mary state date of donations in her report.

Denise suggested the SHS invite donators to the museum to view their displays.

**4. Discussion on purchase of fire-proof safe**

Discussion on safe. Denise had a 10% coupon from Tractor Supply. Colette to look into ordering the safe next week.

**5. Old Business**

Mary and Reg to go to place where plaque to be purchased.

Discussion on a back-up system outside of the museum. Denise contacted Cathy regarding using Quasar Enterprises, LLC to store info on computer and what cost would be. Roy suggested putting back-up on a terabyte and storing it in the safe. Tabled until September.

Members present agreed not to subscribe to "Connecticut Explored".

**6. New Business**

Discussion with Cathy Osten via speaker phone regarding notifying SHS whenever anyone needing to go into the museum. Cathy explained that construction to begin soon, around July 15, on the Grist Mill building such as new windows on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, work in basement to reinforce sills, replacement of exterior doors, gutters to be repaired, and exterior painting. Also Cathy explained that a new cleaning person, Theresa Riley will begin soon to clean in the G.M. building including the museum cleaning floors and bathrooms. The annual "spring" cleaning to be done next week with cleaning in the museum on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. This will entail putting coat of wax on floors, cleaning of walls and windows.

Discussion on SHS engraved hand-outs like pencils or post cards to hand out to visiting students. Sandy to check on purchasing more post cards.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Colette Hoffman, Secretary