

# *North Brunswick Historical Society*

## **Minutes of the Board of Trustees Tuesday, September 25, 2018**

**Present:** Michael Hritz, President; Connie Adamo, Vice President; Richard Liguori, Treasurer; Nansi Krauss, Secretary, Janice Larkin, Trustee.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:12 pm by President Michael Hritz.

**Approval of Meeting minutes:** The minutes of November 20, 2017 were approved with a motion by Ms. Larkin and seconded by Mr. Liguori. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Mr. Liguori presented a summary financial statement with a checking balance of \$14,358.51. The 2017 Holiday Fund Drive netted \$3,900 which included \$2,500 from the Campbell Family Foundation. In addition, the check from the PSE&G grant for \$5,000 was received.

### **Corporation Report:**

The 990-N e-filing for calendar year 2017 was successfully submitted, along with the annual NJ State Business Registration.

### **Project Updates:**

#### ▪ **The John Buckelew House at The Pulda Farm**

- The grant application to the NJ Historic Trust for a preservation plan and application preparation for the National Register for Historic Places was submitted we have been awarded that grant. Both the plan and the application, which is several hundred pages, will be completed by HMR Architects.

The HMR Architects fee is \$28,500 and the grant is a 25/75 match, The Historical Society will be responsible for \$7,125 and the grant will cover \$21,375. Mr. Hritz will approach the Township and ask for funding to support the application to the National Preservation Office, which is \$3,300, as that designation is a feather in the cap of the community as a whole.

- Chimney stabilization was completed by Precision Building and Construction for a total of \$5,999.00 and funded by the township. The chimneys are covered until further masonry restoration work can proceed.
- We will again submit a grant application to PSE&G for 2019, but will suspend other grant applications in 2019.

- **The Gala**

2019 is a Gala year. We have reserved October 18, 2019 with The Heldrich in New Brunswick for our event. We await the full cost estimates and anticipate the price will be higher. A discussion ensued about creating higher giving thresholds for our donor community and the demands placed on those donors, both corporate, philanthropic, and individuals, by other local organizations. The group is committed to keeping the cost of the individual tickets at \$100.

There was much discussion about honorees. Each member was asked to consider outstanding volunteers from the community for consideration and be prepared to discuss at the next meeting.

Mr. Liguori made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Adamo, at 8:15 pm.