

Minutes of the 136th Annual Meeting of the Rehoboth Antiquarian Society
RAS Trustees and Members Meeting
June 3, 2020
At Home through Zoom

After instructions from Michael Deignan as to how the 136th annual meeting of the Rehoboth Antiquarian Society would be held via Zoom, it was called to order at 7:18 p.m. by Rebecca Smith with a quorum present. Officers, Trustees, Staff and those others in attendance were Beverly Baker, Paula Muggleton, Betsy and Tom Charnecki, Anna and Michael Deignan, Danielle DiGiacomo, Debbie D'Isabel, David Downs, Eileen Farley, Kylee Hitz, Connie Wenzel Jordan, Lende McMullen, Dennis Mello, Clifford Morey, Bernard and Elizabeth Oakley, Whitney Pape, Jerry and Laura Schwall, Rachel Smith, Rebecca Smith, Wayne Taylor, Maureen and Ron Whittemore, Suzanne Withers and Wendy Wolfe Cardarelli.

Secretary Wendy Wolfe Cardarelli read the Minutes of the 135th Annual Meeting of the Rehoboth Antiquarian Society, May 6, 2019 at Carpenter Museum with two corrections. Clifford Morey moved to accept the Secretary's Minutes as amended, seconded by Dennis Mello and unanimously so voted.

President Rebecca Smith read her report of all the accomplishments during the year ending with this surprise cyber-space meeting. Michael Deignan moved to accept the President's report as presented, seconded by Elizabeth Oakley and unanimously so voted.

Treasurer, Tom Charnecki read his last report as Treasurer. It didn't make the screen for all to see. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Rachel Smith, seconded by Dennis Mello and unanimously so voted.

The Auditor's reports and IRS tax filings for the Society are available in the Museum for members to review.

Museum Director Danielle DiGiacomo gave her Director's report which contained an overview of events and accomplishments. She thanked all the volunteers for filling in where staff members can't. Lende McMullen. A \$7,500 grant has been received from Bristol County Savings Bank for the Milk Maids program. Intern Miranda DiCenzo will put the exhibit on-line. Membership growth and the Strawberry Festival were mentioned. The quarterly newsletter has been reinstated by Connie Wenzel Jordan. Debbie D'Isabel told some interesting stories about visitors to the Museum. Motion was made to approve the Director's report by Laura Schwall, seconded by Elizabeth Oakley and unanimously so voted.

Library Director Whitney Pape submitted her report which was for the calendar year 2019 only. The report included the enhancements the Library has recently undergone, programs offered, and events held. A motion was made to accept the Librarian's Report by Dennis Mello, seconded by Laura Schwall and unanimously so voted.

Shawn Kendrick sent in her report which contained an overview of the 20th season of Arts in the Village Series. Fund raising efforts were successful and attendance increased, but the series conclude early due to the quarantine caused by the Corona virus. A motion was made to approve Shawn Kendrick's report by Maureen Whittemore, seconded by Clifford Morey and unanimously so voted.

Connie Wenzel Jordan made a motion concerning the nomination of Anna Deignan as Trustee for five years. The following were nominated as Officers: President one year Rebecca Smith; Vice President

one year Beverly Baker; Secretary one year Wendy Wolfe Cardarelli; and Treasurer one year Wayne Taylor. Dennis Mello made the motion to approve the nominations as presented, seconded by Rachel Smith and unanimously so voted.

Rachel Smith moved to adjourn this unique 2020 Annual Meeting at 8:16 p.m., seconded by Elizabeth Oakley and unanimously so voted.

Respectfully submitted by Wendy Wolfe Cardarelli