

September 17, 2024

The Cicero Historical Society meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Minutes

- Minutes from the August meeting were read, and entered on a motion to accept.

Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer's report for August was read by Tony Borio, and entered on a motion to accept. Report is filed with the minutes.

Communications.

Old Business

- Tony reported a total of \$354.02 was spent on carpenter bee boxes and Roof cleaner for the log cabin and to date we have received \$7,800 in donations for the school house roof replacement .
- We did not receive the \$10,000 Community grant which we had applied for. It was indicated they had run out of funds. The next Community grant cycle starts January 2025.

New Business

- To prevent further water damage from occurring to the schoolhouse structure and interior Rosell removed the old roof and made repairs. Repairs included installing plywood decking, covering decking with a water resistant underlayment and replacing damaged soffit boards. The deck covering has a 60 day guarantee and needs to be covered by shingles within that time frame. We have about a month to find a grant, if the roof is completed we will not be able to receive a grant.
- Mallory reported she has spoken with a grant writer who was recommended to her by the Onondaga Historical Society. This person works as an independent contractor who can provide assistance with fundraising as well as writing grants. The cost for their services is \$125/hr.
- Mallory and Tony met with the Town of Cicero Supervisor to discuss our progress in obtaining grants to replace the school house roof. The Town Supervisor provided them with contacts including Assemblyman Al Stirpe. The people that were contacted through Al Stirpe's office on CHS obtaining a \$10,000 grant were told they were not interested in providing a \$10,000 grant, but would consider providing for a larger project requiring approximately \$100,000.
- Bill Meyer brought up that grant money coming through the American Rescue Plan (ARP) is easier to come by than money coming out of a budget. And that we need to clarify if the \$10,000 grant the Town of Cicero Supervisor discussed providing is through ARP or the town budget.
- CHS members have contacted Chick-Fila and Big Dip on working with us to raise funds through donations. Both companies expressed interest in helping out.
- The Cicero Bottle and Can return has requested more of our fundraiser posters to place in their 32 facilities.
- Tony Borio and Bill Meyer did a presentation at the North Syracuse Senior Citizen facility. They reported there was a good turn out and it went well.
- Members discussed inviting the Cicero Town Board to our next open house on 10/13/24.
- Cicero Plank Road Chamber of Commerce is having a Java talk at CHS on Thursday October 3 from 8:30am to 9:30am. We need members to clean and set up on Wednesday October 2.
- Barb Schader has stepped down from the position of 4 Year Trustee, Bill Meyer has volunteered to fill the position. A motion to approve Bill Meyer for the position of 4 Year Trustee was made by Chuck Abbey and second by Carol Borio and carried.
- Mallory Albert, CHS President, will be speaking on behalf of the Cicero Historical Society at the Cicero Town Board meeting on Wednesday September 25. Town board meeting starts at 6:30PM.. CHS is asking its available members to be present in support of Mallory.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm. Next meeting is Tuesday, October 15, 2024 @ 7 pm