



THE CICERO HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
6453 STATE RT. 31 CICERO, NY 13039  
ciceroNYhistorical.org

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November 19, 2024

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

#### **Minutes**

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

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

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

#### **Communications.**

- Received a request for information from a person who had family members that had lived on Taft Rd.

#### **Old Business**

- On November 2 two trees located close to our buildings were taken down. One was a large maple tree located on our property behind the museum that was causing damage to the museum's roof. The other tree taken down was a large dead ash tree which was located on our neighbor's property, but directly next to the schoolhouse. CHS provided \$200 to assist our neighbor with the cost for taking this ash tree down.

#### **New Business**

- Tony Borio has signed a contract with Chick-fil-A for a Spirit Night fundraiser which will be held December 5<sup>th</sup> from 5pm to 8pm at the Chick-fil-A location at 7916 Brewerton Rd Cicero, NY 13039. During this time for each customer that mentions "Spirit Night" or that they are there in support of Cicero Historical Society a portion of the proceeds will go to Cicero Historical Society for replacing the schoolhouse roof. Members of CHS will be at Chick-fil-A from 5pm-8pm on December 5<sup>th</sup>.
- It would be beneficial to have as many CHS members as possible in attendance at the Cicero Town Board Meeting on December 11
- Christmas dinner will be at the Spinning Wheel, date is Tuesday December 3 at 5pm.
- Judy Bokey assisted CHS in contacting Al Stirpe, New York State Representative, about grant opportunities. Al said he would be able to assist CHS with obtaining funds for replacing the schoolhouse roof. Al stated this would need to be done in April 2025 after the NY State budget is completed
- The CHS Board of Trustees met to review the Lavello Consulting, LLC proposal and pricing for grant writing. The board decided the cost would exceed what we are presently capable of paying. Following are the 3 proposed actions and associated estimated costs:
  - #1/Fund Support Plan - \$1,250 to \$1,750.
  - #2/Funding Plan and Implementation \$1,875.
  - #3/ Grant Application for State Grants - \$2,500 to \$7,500 and for Federal Grants \$5,000 to \$15,000.  
Cost for resubmitting grants would range from an estimated cost of \$1,875 to \$3,750 for a State Grant and \$2,500 to \$8,125 for a Federal Grant.
- Judy Bokey talked at the November Town of Cicero Board meeting and was very supportive of the Cicero Historical Society.
- Jennifer Pardee has made several changes to our website to improve its functionality and the information the web site provides.
- Karen Purdy reported the Boy Scouts are looking for Community Service projects for 2025, members discussed areas they could assist CHS with.
- Tony Borio was on WSYR Radio and Mallory Albert was on Bridge Street for interviews and to do presentations about the Cicero Historical Society. Videos of both programs are posted on our website [ciceroNYhistorical.org](http://ciceroNYhistorical.org)
- Cicero Senior Center did a bus tour of the Cicero parks and stopped by the museum for our Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> open house. We had a great turn out for the November open house with 35 to 40 visitors. Several of the visitors mentioned they

knew about the open house from the flier they had received.

- CHS has joined the Plank Road Chamber of Commerce and Mallory will be attending their December meeting.
- Kevin Purdy suggested CHS team up with South Bay Fire Dept to hand out our fliers for 2025 when they do theirs on Dec14.
- Kevin Purdey reported the date for CNY grant opens December 20 and submittal date is December 28. Kevin also reported that Walmart has a \$1,500 grant for nonprofit organizations for the purchase of specific items such as signs, tents, canopies, ect.
- Tony Borio contacted Onondaga County and they were able to provide us with a copy of the original deed for the schoolhouse.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

**Next meeting is Tuesday, March 17, 2025 @ 7 pm**