

**Falmouth Historical Society/Museums on the Green (MOG)**  
**Annual Meeting**  
**January 25, 2020**

- **Welcome, Tamsen George, Board President**
  - Ms. George welcomed all attending members at 10:05am. 45 members in attendance. She recognized that we are beginning our 120th year of preserving the town's history.
  - Ms. George also thanked and recognized the Board of Directors for their continued support. She highlighted several of the duties volunteers perform at MOG.
  - Ms. George stated that work has begun on the Wicks House and we continue to review the Historic Structures Report on that project.
  - Ms. George pointed out that we have increased our membership this year through the work of our Board and various members only events.
  - Ms. George wanted to express sincere gratitude to our volunteers.
  
- **Approval of 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes**
  - Ms. George asked for approval of the minutes (**handout**) from the 2019 annual meeting. A motion was made to accept and was seconded; all members accepted the report.
  
- **Treasurer's Report: Mark Schmidt presented the report on David Brassard's behalf.**
  - FHS/MOG had a solid year financially in 2019.
  - \$294,000 in total revenue plus \$23,000 from our endowment covered operating expenses totaling \$317,000 this year.
  - Grants and Scholarships totaled \$103,000 which helped limit the funds we needed from the endowment.
  - David Brassard presented a proposed 2020 budget at the January Board Meeting. The Board was supportive of the proposal subject to further clarification of certain amounts.
  - The 2020 budget proposal calls for \$36,000 from the endowment which is in line with our investment policy.
  
- **Nomination & Elections: Olivia White presents new members.**
  - New nominated members are: John Furfey, Ann Stone, Thomas von Zabern, and Gary Vostok
  - Ms. White asked for a vote on the new members. All approved. Non opposed.
  
- **Executive Director's Report, Mark Schmidt recapped the highlights of 2019.**
  - For the second year in a row, Museums on the Green was voted the Local Choice "Best Museum on the Upper Cape"
  - Loan Agreement with National Association of Congregational Christian Churches to exhibit Karen Rinaldo's "The First Thanksgiving 1621" painting
  - New Museums on the Green logo
  - Placed increased emphasis on doing more Members Only events
  - Began the Katharine Lee Bates Historian Award, given to William Fowler as we held a joint event with the Masonic Lodge exhibiting the George Washington Inaugural Bible
  - Honored Carolyn Partan, Vicky Lowell and Virginia Valiela with the 2019 Heritage Award
  - Hosted over 45 lectures and had an increase in private rentals from the prior two years

- Held one of our most successful Antique Sales
- Again participated in Highland Street Foundation's "Free Fun Friday" and held another "Night Watchman," Teddy Bear Picnic, Gingerbread House building and other events for children and families
- **Director Schmidt** commented on what we didn't do: summer or fall fundraising event. We need to rectify this for the coming year.
- **Director Schmidt** thanked his staff: Meg Costello, Deb Shemo, Roseann Damelio, Norah Schneider, and Joanna Christopher. Jean Alves is retiring as a part-time volunteer bookkeeper and Mary Harris is leaving the board as Treasurer. Mr. Schmidt read a lovely message from Mary regarding Jean Alves's 15 year tenure at the Society.
- **Director Schmidt** noted coming scheduled projects and programs:
  - Construction on the rear ell section of the 1790 Wicks House
  - Focus on the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the voyage of the Mayflower, and the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of women gaining the right to vote. To that end: we have partnered with Plymouth 400 to work with them on programs, and we have received a grant from Mass Humanities to do more programs on women's history
  - Campus signs are coming
  - Touch-screen monitor for exhibit
  - Potential Digital Memberships coming
  - Expanded leadership with Cape & Islands Historical and Cape Cod Museum Trail, such as conference on disaster planning
  - Barbara Sillery did great work on a new video for the museum and general marketing for the town of Falmouth. We watched the video. It received great applause at the end. Mr. Schmidt stated it would be given to FCTV.
- **President George** thanked the retiring Board Members. Ms. George recognized **Karin Edwards** and thanked her for her time and efforts with collections and general care and maintenance of the Society. She recognized **David Gouveia** and recalled a funny memory of him during a production of the Night Watchman. She recognized **Dennis Belanger** and thanked him for his help with repairs and renovations at the Museum. She recognized **Kay (Catherine) Morse** and thanked her for her time and efforts with food, festivities and programs. Finally, she recognized **John Rogers** and thanked him for his time, efforts and knowledge on a myriad of topics related to historical preservation.
- **President George** thanked everyone for coming. She asked for a motion to end the meeting. It was so moved and the meeting adjourned at 10:58am.

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Danielle Velesig, Secretary  
 Board of Directors