

**Falmouth Historical Society/Museums on the Green (MOG)  
2022 ANNUAL MEETING  
January 15, 2022**



- **Welcome, Pat Dottore, Board President**
  - Ms. Dottore welcomed all attending members at 10:33am. Eighteen members were in attendance.
  - Pat began with an explanation of why we chose to have an in-person annual meeting. We have to move forward and follow recommendations for how to deal with Covid-19.
  - Pat feels she needs to have human contact, we need to be together and we need to move on with our lives.
  - Very special thank you to Rosann Demelio, Meg Costello and Kelly Anderson. Without them, we would not be in the position we are in to keep the museum running.
  
- **Approval of 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes, Danielle Velesig, Board Secretary**
  - Danielle read through the highlights of last year's annual meeting minutes.
  - Pat Dottore asked for a motion to approve. Mr. Adams approved. Olivia White seconded. All members voted to approve the minutes.

- **A Look Back at 2021, Pat Dottore, Board President**
  - Virtual author talks and walking tours continued to bring in revenue
  - In the Second Quarter, we started showing Karen Rinaldo's painting of The First Thanksgiving. Karen started to have talks in May about the painting.
  - We presented the Historian Award to Nathaniel Philbrick.
  - We opened in July and had a short season with visitors. We were open three days a week for four hours a day.
  - We did the reading of the Declaration of Independence with John and Abigail Adams giving some context and reading the Declaration.
  - We continued the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade program using a film as well as the Thinking Like a Historian program with the Lawrence School.
  - We had the Teddy Bear Picnic this summer.
  - We also had our Annual Heritage Award reception in September 2021.
  - We continued our relationship with the Congregational Church next door.
  - Fourth Quarter has been difficult. Our Executive Director, Mark Schmidt, left and we are still in the process of finding a replacement. Our campus has been impacted by the big storm in October. For example, Katie's Clubhouse (the little white building), which was a replica of the first school house in Falmouth. The Clubhouse was destroyed by a fallen tree during the storm.
  - Virtual lectures have continued, many thanks to Rosann for coordinating this. We also had one live talk at the Cape Cod Winery.
  - Walking Tours continued – specifically the October/Halloween walk at the Old Burial Ground.
  - Karen Rinaldo continued to have talks about her painting.
  - No activities occurred during the Holiday season this year. Thanks to the Garden Club for decorating the grounds this year.
  - Pat expressed her gratitude to all the members and those who actively participated in the activities at the Museum.
  - Pat asked for a motion to accept the Financial Report as submitted.
  
- **Financial Report, Pat Dottore, Board President**
  - See the 2021 Financial Report for specifics.
  - We have been operating this year without a Treasurer. We had an acting Treasurer, Gary Vostok, and a former Treasurer, David Brassard to keep us going in an “acting” capacity. When Gary left the Board definitively, we finished the year with the help of Megan Kehoe, a Board Member who was in an “acting” capacity.
  - The report attached is not a Treasurer's Report.
  - The 2020 budget and financials were
  - Operating Account is as follows:
    - In February, we saw an increase in donations.
    - In July, our expenses went up and our income went down.
    - In September, our expenses went up. This was due to maintenance that needed to be done to our HVAC systems to preserve the artifacts in the basement of the Cultural Center and Conant House.

- In October, more income than expenses. This may be due to the fact that our Executive Director left so we have not been paying that salary.
    - In the last few months of 2021, we've had the expenses of storm repair and repairing the moisture issues in the basements of our buildings.
  - Donations: 2019 were \$35,000. In 2020, it was \$58,000. In 2021, donations increased to \$62,000.
  - Actual expenses: In 2020, we spent \$10,000 over our income. This year 2021, we spent \$9,000 over our income for the year.
  - We need the support of our membership is vital to our longevity. Pat asked for questions.
  - There was one question about how we are doing regarding fulfilling the requirements for our grants. Pat answered that some of our grants are restricted and some are not. For three of our grants that were restricted, we were able to honor them.
- **Nominations & Elections, Danielle Velesig, Governance Committee**
  - Ms. Velesig explained that we have four new members to nominate for this coming year: Dennis Belanger, Judy Durham, Ken Richard and Bill Wishart.
  - Rotating off the board this year are Tamsen George, Megan Kehoe and Karen Rinaldo
  - Continuing members are Mary Pat Barry, David Brassard, Patricia Dottore, John Furfey, Bob Haskell, Barbara Sillery, Ann Stone, Danielle Velesig, Thomas von Zabern and Olivia White.
  - Pat asked for a vote to approve the new members. All approved.
- **Looking Forward to 2022**
  - Mark Schmidt left for a different position in October 2021.
  - A search committee was formed to find a new Executive Director. We offered one person the job and regretfully, he declined. We had to move forward to form a new search committee and they are currently working to find new candidates for the position.
  - We need to increase our membership and our income. Please consider attending the Falmouth One Telethon in February.
  - We are going to continue to work toward our mission of preserving and telling the story of Falmouth. Thanks to Meg Costello and Barbara Sillery for working to continue to uncover and tell the story of the Wicks House.
  - Portraits of famous members of the Falmouth Community are going to be moved to the gallery in the rear Ell of the Wicks House.
  - Scrimshaw gallery will be created in the Conant House.
  - Untold Tales will continue.
  - More in-person programs will continue this year. Virtual programs will continue through February and then in-person programs will resume later in the spring.
  - The 50<sup>th</sup> Antique Sale will happen this summer.
  - The Heritage Award Reception will happen this fall.
  - There was a question about Fundraising Events. Pat responded that we will have a Members-Only Opening Event and hope to have other events.

- Please promote the Museum as a venue for events and meetings. Some of the members suggested advertising with the Chamber of Commerce and other areas.
- Another member suggested developing a working relationship with the Church next door to partner on different events.
- Pat reiterated her appreciation for everyone's help as we move forward.
- Bob Haskell asked to speak – he wanted to extend his deepest appreciation for Pat's efforts and help as we move forward without an Executive Director.
- Olivia asked that the minutes reflect that Tamsen George, our former Board President, has written a book and we are so proud of her.
- Olivia also asked that the minutes reflect the leadership of Mark Schmidt. He brought the museum to a new level with his leadership and the members of the annual meeting appreciate his leadership.