

**Cobblestone Museum
Annual Meeting
November 7, 2020**

ATTENDANCE: members could watch on Zoom, on screen in the Proctor Room or in person in the church. Registration was required, taken and is on file.

In the midst of a pandemic, the 2020 Annual Meeting did not feature a meal. Attendees were entertained prior to the meeting by a quartet of musicians. President Erin Anheier thanked everyone for participating in our 60th annual meeting. Rev. Dr. Don Algeo offered a heartfelt prayer for our country and our Society.

Minutes: A call to approve the minutes was made. *Chris Sartwell made a motion with a second from Doreen Roth-Wilson to dispense with the reading of the minutes. They were printed and distributed to members in attendance and available to members not in attendance. The motion to dispense with reading the minutes was carried.*

A motion was made by Mark Bower and a second received from Grace Denniston to accept the minutes as written. The motion was carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Kevin Hamilton highlighted the report distributed at the meeting. He thanked members for being so generous in this year of great need due to the pandemic. Our fundraising activities could not be held and fortunately the \$60 for 60 Years campaign and other efforts have been a great help. The PPP grant of \$15,000, successful grants, and a modest withdrawal from our investments have helped the Cobblestone Museum meet our financial responsibilities. Kevin stated that our donations this year were nearly double the previous year. *Motion was made by Toni Plummer and a second received from Marty Taber to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented.*

Membership Program Changes: Director Doug Farley stated that the Board of Trustees had approved membership program changes. Our bylaws require the membership to vote on any proposed changes to membership. He stated that membership levels would add a silver category at the \$500 donation level and that the \$5000 level was eliminated. (Refer to printed membership form in the program.) He also noted that a giving program is in the proposal. *A motion was made by Grace Denniston with a second received from Chris Sartwell to approve the proposed membership program changes. The motion was carried.*

Nominating Committee: Mark Bower reported to the membership. He introduced committee members Co-Chair Pat Morrisey and Toni Plummer. The proposed slate of officers and trustees was read. He called for additional nominations for officers and called for additional nominations for trustees. Hearing none, *Russ Bosch made a motion to accept the slate as presented and have the secretary cast one ballot for the slate as presented. The motion was carried.*

New Business: none

Awards: The following awards were announced and presented as listed:

Rufus Bullock Award presented by Erin Anheier to Roy Bubb, at the October monthly Board of Trustees meeting.

Business Partner of the Year presented by Russ Bosch to Robert Fisher, who was unable to be in attendance.

Volunteer of the Year Award was presented by Chris Sartwell (as requested by Assistant Director, Sue Bonafini) to Gerard Morrissey.

Pullman Award was presented by Director Doug Farley to C.W. "Bill" Lattin.

Each presentation noted contributions made by these outstanding award winners.

Bill Lattin gave a brief history of the Cobblestone Museum. The first annual meeting of the Society was held October 23, 1960. It was held in the church making this the second and only time since 1960 that the Society held its annual meeting in the historic building.

Closing Remarks: Maarit Vaga, Chair of the 60th Anniversary Committee talked briefly about the challenges of planning a celebration in the year of COVID -19. Plans are to celebrate next year with an Anniversary Tea to be held in conjunction with the Albion Strawberry Festival at the Pullman Church. She also hopes to present an American musical at the Cobblestone Complex the Sunday following the Strawberry Festival. Plans will be contingent upon social gathering regulations.

President Erin Anheier called for any additional business. *Hearing none, a motion to adjourn was made by Mark Bower with a second received from Chris Sartwell. The motion was carried.* Meeting adjourned at 1:45pm.

Minutes taken by Shirley Bright-Neeper

Following the meeting members were invited to tour the Vagg House. Bill Lattin gave a brief history of the home and how the Museum expects to acquire it very shortly. The Museum is grateful to Bill for all he has done and continues to do for the Cobblestone Museum.