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STARKEBORO HISTORICAL SOCIETY (SHS)

DATE: May 5, 2025

LOCATION: LIBRARY

TIME: 6:30 – 8:00 PM

OFFICERS PRESENT: Dan Baker, Elsa Gilbertson, Peg Casey, Kevin Hanson

MEMBERS/VISTORS PRESENT: Cecilia Elwert, Monique Thurston

WELCOME, Monique will take the minutes.

SECRETARIES REPORT: Review minutes from 3-3-25, minutes read, motion made by Cecilia, seconded and approved without discussion.

TREASURER REPORT: (by Kevin Hansen) balance \$2,714.76 income (membership dues, Gerald Hefferman estate interest \$4,140.00, fundraising \$15.00).

TOTAL DEPOSIT AND INTEREST: \$4,155.25

COMMUNITY BANK BALANCE: \$6,885.01

ACCRUALS: Nothing outstanding.

UNCOMMITTED BANK BALANCE: \$6,885.01

REVIEW SCANNING DAY: Kevin ran scanning, Dan ran interviewing (Ruth some), Ruth ran Games and Toys kits from Sheldon Museum in Middlebury, Elsa ran boiling syrup in kitchen for sugar on snow, Peg ran everywhere (and donated her granddaughters, Jilian and Nora, to help a bit with Games and Toys.)

Cecilia gave an update on the Starksboro Cemetery Commission which now includes two people.

REVIEW CURTAIN PRESENTATION: An excellent presentation was given by Christine Hadsel. Twenty people were present. Starksboro's curtain is considered one of the best, based on its artistic motifs. It was purchased in 1911 from a Brooklyn artist. A \$75 invoice from Vermont Humanities has not been received yet.

ENGAGEMENT WITH THE BACKYARD HISTORY PROJECT: Kevin called Lexi Subra, waiting for feedback.

ARCHIVIST REPORT: Accessions: Lake Champlain Bridge Commemorative book, South Starksboro Store Leger, Out of Starksboro Kitchens Bicentennial Fundraising Cookbook, (Methodist Episcopal) Union Glee Club ticket, Brick from original Bidwell house, found a scrapbook at the door to the collection room.

Inventory database in Recollector: no activity.

Cemetery database in Recollector: no activity.

Photo scan day: need to set up database in Recollector, had a first activity to scan local photo at the Chili contest, 3 SHS and one person brought things to scan.

Collection management approved.

Environmental conditioning of collection room: temp/humidity recording has been set up.

Future presentations: none at this point.

Bertha book: suggestion to do online additions.

Next meeting: June 2nd, 6:00 pm, Library. (Skip July and August, people very busy in summer.)

Closing: meeting adjourned 8:00 PM.