

Swansea Historical Society

Executive Board Meeting

Minutes of November 9, 2025 @ Swansea Community Center

- 1.) Meeting was called to order by Cheryl at 1 PM
- 2.) Roll call: In attendance President Cheryl Bogle, Vice President/(acting) Treasurer Karen Bowen, Secretary Brandon Travers, Executive Board members J Whitney Bowen, Ruth Ann Liggett, Patricia Redfearn, Kathleen Leblanc, Diane Luther Silvia. Not present Robert Alford. Guests Steven Bogle, Janet Booker, and Jim Pelletier.
- 3.) Meeting Minutes Review: Cheryl made a motion to accept minutes from Sept 30, 2nd by Kathleen. All approved.
- 4.) Air Quality Test: during the recent air quality test, the basement tested positive for toxic mold, the main floor tested clear, and 2nd floor non toxic mold. Cheryl explained we have a company that will do the remediation for free or heavily discounted rate (they are doing a labor swap w/Steve for engineering work). They had said to tarp off 2nd floor to stop air flow from spreading mold back to the main floor. Pat said in previous years the 2nd floor was blocked off by plywood.
- 5.) 501c3: Cheryl received a letter confirming our 501c3 status has been reinstated. Jim Pelletier suggested checking with local banks on community funds for local 501c3.
- 6.) Treasurer Report: balances as of Oct 31, 2025- Checking \$25918.26-Statement Saving \$665.18- Business savings \$18916.71 CD has \$18061.58 @ 3.2%. Karen made a motion to consolidate the accounts by moving the savings into checking as the checking has a higher % interest rate. Pat suggested keeping one savings for petty cash, Karen explained it would not be feasible. Cheryl asked if we removed the Bosworth money and the endowment fund, how much would be left to us. Without all figures present, Karen said approximately \$11,000. Vote was 2nd by Jay, voted all in favor. Karen made a second motion to have the bank do research and pull our records for the last 10 years, the cost is \$25 per hour. Brandon asked if there was any idea of cost besides hourly, Karen said no. Motion was 2nd by Kathy, all in favor.
- 7.) Cultural Council: Will hold off until next year to apply for grants due to us just regaining our 501c3. Cheryl suggested trying for a grant next year for an archival box for the 1861 flag. She has spoken with Riverside Art about doing this for us.
- 8.) Returned items: Cheryl and Brandon met with Carl and Kathy Becker @ the Luther Store. The Stevens Silver was returned, 6 boxes of photos (covered in mold), Dueling pistols, flintlock musket, civil war swords, a bayonet, and an 1800's fire engine model with display case, along with various medals and a weight scale. Most items were in very poor condition and/or covered in mold.
- 9.) Reports: Acquisition committee: will have to go through inventory to present a list to board about items that can be kept or sold.
Building committee: x2 trees will be coming down in the rear of the building soon, being done for free by Al Levesque. Steve said brackets are being made for the framing, as

well as Josh will be reinforcing beams and attic floor. Currently, the store can have a max of 14 people in the building.

Upcoming events:

Xmas at the store Dec 13/14th

Possible date for Rita next year, tea w/ Mrs. Gordon May 2/3, 2026

July 11/12th for the talk on Woman of 1776, Victorian Gothic Tales Oct 24/25

Adjournment: Cherly called to adjourn meeting at 2:50 PM, 2nd by Brandon