

Minutes of the Claverack Historical Society Meeting 12/10/2025

Meeting opened at 5:35pm. Present were President Nikon Zasorin, Vice President Gary Davis, Thea Schoep, Paula Ptaszek, Richard Bazelow and we were joined by John Bradley.

The minutes of the November 19, 2025 meeting were sent previously. Motion made by Gary to accept the minutes which was seconded by Richard Bazelow.

Financial Report

Paula indicated there was one invoice to be paid in the amount of \$37.11 for the printing of thank you notes to new historical society members. Leaving a balance of \$983.46 in the historical society account.

Thank you notes

Paula indicated that there were still some thank you notes which needed to be taken care of. Nick will handle those 3 that still needed to be sent out.

Future Events

January 11th Whaling Exhibit Opening Event

Agenda still needs to be clarified as to who will speak and for what amount of time. Richard will review that with Brenda Shufelt, HAL History Room Co-ordinator this week. The event will start at 3:00pm with an introduction, the showing of the film "Whaling in Hudson.. What". Film lasts 18 minutes followed by another possible speaker, which has yet to be worked out. Light refreshments will be available such as cheese, grapes, cider etc. The Library will handle those arrangements. Paula suggested an invitation to the Claverack History Room Committee. Thea mentioned that Deb from

the library staff is working with Thea on flyers for the opening. Richard will meet with Thea to discuss other wording for social media notifications once he's spoken with Brenda.

January 14th Next Claverack Historical Society Meeting Event

Regular historical society business meeting will be from 5:30-6:00pm, Meeting will then open to any new members and also the Claverack Library History Room Committee. The film "An Epistolary Tale", produced by the HAL and 542 films will be shown. Film last 1 hour. Prior to the film, Miranda Barry from the HAL will speak briefly about the production of this theatrical event, rehearsals and working with the actors that portray various historical figures in whaling history. from sea captains, to mariners and their wives.

Other event discussions

January 21st, Library talk by Ghent Town Historian Gregg Berninger, "The Golden Age of Philmont 1900-1925"

January 23rd will be a "Sea Shanty Sing Along". Thea is working with the musician who will conduct this program. Some suggestions were made that it might be a good idea to have the "sing along words", in advance or available to the audience. Thea will discuss these possibilities with the musician.

January 26th is the next Library History Room Meeting

February 7th is a Library Concert

Friday 13th, possible date for library talk on "Women in Whaling", by Brenda Shufelt and Richard Bazelow. Other possible dates are the 14th, 21 and 28 for Saturday and 8th, 15th and 22 for a Sunday.

Feb 14th tentative date for showing film "Moby Dick"

Website update

Discussion on this topic also meshed with discussion on media communications and ways that organizations might be more efficient at this. One suggestion was that each organization, Library, Historical Society put to get her their respective processes for media notifications for events, side by side and see if there might be ways to streamline and mirror processes that are more effective. Discussions to continue.

Bylaws Update

Thea, Paula and Richard, to meet Thursday Feb 11 at noon to review and discuss.

250th Celebration

A suggestion was made that it would be a good idea for Jeane to arrange a 250th Celebration update meeting to include CHS, Philmont Historical Society and Library, Claverack Library to understand what is currently being done and needs to be done.

Paula talked about arrangements made with Churchtown Dairy for the use of a Tractor, Hay Wagon, actual cow, also possibility of a small horse drawn carriage.

Brief discussion on the possibility of York Distillery providing a historical drink for the 250th celebration. Discussion to continue

Old business

Nick talked about implementing an insurance policy to cover Claverack Historical Society Events which will cost \$205 for 2 Million dollars of

coverage. The agent would be Kneller Insurance Agency in Chatham NY.
Sorry, missed the company provided the policy coverage.