

New Hampshire Grange Foundation
Minutes of 2019 Annual Meeting
Friday, October 18, 2019 – The Fireside Inn, West Lebanon, NH

Present: Jim Tetreault - President, Dave Babson - Vice President, Andrew Savage - Treasurer, Tara Sad - Secretary, Jozi Best, Bob Haefner, John Porter, Gail McWilliam-Jellie, Sandy Salo,

Not Present: Linda Lauer, Lorraine Merrill, Tim O'Connell

Pres. Tetreault opened the meeting at 3:04 pm, and welcomed the board members present.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Andrew Savage presented his report for the Foundation through the June 30, 2019 fiscal year end.

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| Morgan Stanley Smith Barney Account: | \$116,501.70 |
| Provident Bank Checking Account | \$ 15,578.10* |

(* \$14,375 of this balance is the flow through money to be used for the renovations of the Antrim Grange Hall)

Scholarships awarded: None

There was a motion to accept the treasurer's report made by Tara Sad, seconded by Bob Haefner. The resulting vote was unanimous in favor.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Tara Sad presented the minutes from the 2018 Grange Foundation Annual Meeting:

N.H. Grange Foundation
2018 Annual Meeting Minutes

Present: Jim Tetreault, President, Tara Sad, Secretary; Andrew Savage, Treasurer; Gail McWilliam-Jellie; John Porter; Sandy Salo; Bob Haefner

Not Present: Tim O'Connell, Linda Lauer, Jozie Best, Lorraine Merrill, Dave Babson

President Tetreault opened the meeting at 3:07 pm.

Secretary's Report

Jim Tetreault asked if the board members had reviewed the minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting, which the Secretary had distributed prior to this meeting. He asked if there were any additions or changes to be made to the minutes. There being none, **Bob Haefner moved** and **Gail McWilliam-Jellie seconded** a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. There was no discussion, and the resulting vote was unanimous in favor.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Andrew Savage reported on the balance of our accounts. The Morgan Stanley Account has a balance of \$110,786.72, and the Provident account had a balance of \$1,273.10. We were able to give two \$2,000 scholarships this year. We also were able to assist Granges with obtaining financing for work on their grange buildings. These granges were Halloween (\$100), Blow-Me-Down (\$1,500), and Antrim (\$600). **Tara Sad moved**, and **Bob Haefner seconded** a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted. There being no discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

Re-election of the Members –

The names of those board members whose terms expire in 2018 were put forward for election to another three year term:

Jozi Best
Gail McWilliam-Jellie
Tim O'Connell
Jim Tetreault

Bob Haefner moved and **Tara Sad seconded** the re-election. There being no discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

The full Grange then voted as well on the re-election of the board members, and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Election of Slate of Officers

The board then voted on the election of the existing slate of officers.

Jim Tetreault, President
Dave Babson, Vice President
Tara Sad, Secretary
Andrew Savage, Treasurer

Sandy Salo moved and **Gail McWilliam-Jelli seconded** a motion to approve the slate of officers. There being no discussion, the motion carried.

The full Grange then voted on the slate of officers, and the result was unanimous in favor.

There was a question from the Grange membership as to how many meetings we hold a year. President Tetreault noted that this year we had four meetings, one of which was held by conference call. This conferenced meeting was very successful, and will help to enable members to participate who live far from Concord, the site of our meetings.

The minutes are to be sent to the webmaster for posting online.

There being no further business, **Bob Haefner moved** and **Tara Sad seconded** a motion to adjourn. The vote was unanimous in favor. The time was 3:17 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Sad, Secretary

Tara Sad moved and Bob Haefner seconded a motion to accept the Secretary's Report as filed. The resulting vote was unanimous.

He noted that this is 2019 marks the 10th anniversary of the establishment of the Grange Foundation. He then read his President's Report:

President's Report

Pres. Tetreault then presented his President's Report:

Greetings from the Grange Foundation:

In doing some research for this report, I have determined that this is the 10th Anniversary of the incorporation of the Grange Foundation. So Happy 10th Birthday, Grange Foundation!

The Foundation was founded on the basis of a bequest from Clarence Sprague, who, in the 1930's, received a scholarship from a local Grange in NH. Sprague was so grateful for that support in his early years from the Grange that he wanted to return the favor and remember the Grange in his last will and testament. The Grange, being a 501c8 organization rather than

a 501c3 that receives tax benefits, spurred the NH State Grange Executive Committee to look to establishing a foundation to accept and manage the bequest.

What are the goals of the NH Grange Foundation? To support students going on to receive an education beyond high school. The Foundation serves an important function for Community Granges across the state. The Foundation is be able to accept monies on behalf of local Granges, allowing the donor can receive a tax benefit. Does your Grange look for donations in the Community? Right now we have one Community Grange that is using the Foundation to help with a major restoration of their Hall. I encourage you to talk to the members of Antrim Grange about how they are doing this. It could be a major benefit to your Grange.

I want to thank the members of the Foundation board this year for bearing with me. As many of you know, in 2014 I stepped away from Grange officers' leadership because of the state of my mom's health. Many of you may not be aware, but my mom's health took a serious downward spiral starting at Christmas time of 2018, and it came to head in May of 2019, almost resulting in her death. We were lucky, the right doctor walked into her room on that first Sunday of her hospitalization, asked the right questions, and we were lucky to have the right answers. After spending two weeks in the hospital, and six weeks in Applewood Nursing home in Winchester for rehab, our family is lucky to have her recover and return home in a much healthier state that when she left home in May. She will undergo several operations in the coming months, which we hope will ensure a better quality of life for the future.

Jozi Best moved and Dave Babson seconded a motion to accept the President's Report as submitted. The resulting vote was unanimous in favor.

New Business:

Election of Board Members whose terms expire:

Andrew Savage moved and Sandy Salo seconded the motion to elect those board members whose terms expire to another three year term. They are John Porter, Bob Haefner and Tara Sad. The resulting vote was unanimously in favor.

The delegates of the State Grange then voted unanimously in favor of the re-election of the three board members.

Resignation of Tim O'Connell:

Pres. Tetreault then notified the board that Tim O'Connell sent in his notice of resignation from the board, citing his heavy workload on the farm and farmers markets. **Bob Haefner moved and Andrew Savage seconded a motion to accept Tim O'Connell's resignation, with regrets and thanks. The motion passed unanimously.**

Appointment of Will Pearson:

There being an opening on the Board, Jim Tetreault nominated William Pearson to fill the position. Will Pearson, who was present, introduced himself and gave his background, stating that he would look forward to serving on the board. **Bob Haefner moved and Tara Sad seconded a motion to appoint William Pearson to the Board. The motion was adopted unanimously.**

Election of Officers:

Jozi Best moved and Bob Haefner seconded a motion to elect officers for the 2019-20 Year. The officers are: Jim Tetreault, President; Dave Babson, Vice President; Andrew Savage, Treasurer, Tara Sad, Secretary. The resulting vote was unanimous in favor of re-election of officers.

The delegates of the State Grange voted in favor as well.

Other Business:

It was noted that there were no scholarships given this year. It was suggested that notices for the scholarships be published in the Eastern States Exposition publications and website, as well as in the *Granite State Granger*.

There being no further business, Bob Haefner moved and Will Pearson seconded a motion to adjourn. The vote was unanimous in favor. The time was 3:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Sad, Secretary