

Friends of Mechanics Hall

Meeting Summary

October 11, 2012, 7:00 pm. Meeting held at Town Hall Annex.

In attendance:

Herbert Bingham, Tom Daly, Larry Deblois, Louise Dix, Sheila Dubman, Alex Fiandaca, Mark Fiandaca, Elizabeth Hammond, Annmarie Hurley, Matt Lindberg, Teddy Lindberg, Faith Pistrang, Larry Pistrang, Karen Rossow, Ken Seims, Mickey Splaine, Geoff Yaglou.

The meeting began shortly after 7 pm. An agenda was distributed and is appended.

- Some successes were reviewed:
 - Yard sale: Great turn-out of volunteers to set-up and sell. First fundraiser a great success.
 - 2012 Most Endangered Historic Resource Program: Mechanics Hall has been selected.
 - Hey Day: Thanks to Mark, Phil and Sheila for working the table and generating publicity for the Friends. Treat bags filled with homemade cookies and candy were provided by Judy Tyler and Lori Brodeur, Mechanics Hall/East Princeton notecards and Teddy Lindberg's framed photographs were available for purchase. Raised money with sales and donations and collected names of new Friends.
 - Farmer's Market approval: After soliciting bids from the public between Sept 26 and Oct 4, the BOS voted to award Jim Camp a license to operate a farm stand at Mechanics Hall from October 9th through December 31, 2012.

- **Upcoming Events:**
 - Preservation Mass. Public presentation of the 2012 Most Endangered Historic Resources List on Thurs. 11/8 at 5 pm at Tuckerman Hall in Worcester. Tickets are available at <http://believeinpreservation2012.eventbrite.com/#>. All are encouraged to attend.
 - FOMH will be featured at the Princeton Historical Society Annual meeting on Sat., 11/10 at 10 am in Princeton Center.
 - CELEBRATE MECHANICS HALL fundraiser at Sonoma Restaurant on Thurs., 11/15 from 6 to 8 pm.

- **Update:**

Our application for 501(c)3 designation from the IRS has been submitted. Thanks to Phil and Ken for their efforts.

- **New Business:**

- Preservation carpenter visit – Justin McCarthy and his associates from Old Colony Housewrights visited Mechanics Hall to give an overall assessment and discuss their evaluation services. This evaluation will help guide restoration efforts and provide a plan necessary for applying for grants. Questions arose as to the extent of the evaluation and whether not it would include estimates. Will pursue in near future.
- Kim Ferguson (State Rep.) - She is willing to seek State funding on our behalf. The Officers will meet to discuss and prepare what is needed to move forward.
- New FOMH brochure - We need to fill 3 more panels for a complete 6-panel brochure. More to follow on this.
- Proposed e-mail policy - to be circulated.
- Outreach to seniors - Karen will move this forward.
- Holiday Party - Perhaps a dinner at the Mountain Barn and then to Geoff's home. More to come on this.
- Business Cards - Phil and Ken arranged for business cards to be printed from VistaPrint. Cards were distributed and will be available at Sonoma's for our guests.
- Friend's List - Sheila volunteered to maintain one Master List of Friends, businesses and antique home owners. Thanks, Sheila!

The remainder of the meeting was dedicated to assembling, stuffing, addressing and stuffing envelopes for the invitations to the Sonoma fundraiser.

The next monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, Dec. 13th at 7 pm in the Annex.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Seims
Secretary

FRIENDS OF MECHANICS HALL
Agenda

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Successes!

Yard Sale

Most Endangered Historic Resource Program

Hey Day

Farmer's Market approval

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- Preservation Massachusetts' public presentation of the 2012 Most Endangered Historic Resources List.
Thursday, **November 8th** at 5 pm at Tuckerman Hall in Worcester. To reserve tickets visit:

<http://believeinpreservation2012.eventbrite.com/#>

- Princeton Historical Society Annual Meeting, Saturday, **November 10th** at 10am featuring the Friends of Mechanics Hall
- CELEBRATE MECHANICS HALL, Thursday, **November 15th**, 6 to 8pm at Sonoma Restaurant

Updates

501c3 application

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Kim Ferguson
New Friends of Mechanics Hall brochure
Proposed email policy
Outreach to Seniors
Holiday Party

Next Meeting: To be discussed