

November 2, 2015      *Galway Preservation Society Monthly Meeting*

29 members and 7 guests

Richard English called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone and called for the Pledge of Allegiance. He also thanked Millie Stina for bringing the beverage and Betty Person and Linda Bobar for the baked goods.

*Old Business*— Secretary Minutes from the October 5 meeting were read and Dusty Rhodes made a motion to accept them which was seconded and approved. The Treasurer's Monthly Report and Book Account review were given which Phyllis Keeler motioned to accept. This was seconded and approved. *Committee Updates and New Business*— **Book Committee** - Virginia reported that 579 of the Galway Books have sold. Holiday Order Forms are in the newsletter and on the website for any who would like to purchase books for Christmas. Books are also available at various locations in town and at GPS meetings without a shipping fee. **Newsletter Committee** - Mary Cuffe Perez reported that Kurt Johnston has been doing the newsletter for 19 years. She discussed the idea of forming a committee to help come up with ideas for subject matter, or persons to write about in the articles. She asked for interested persons or anyone with ideas to see her in the break. She also reported for the **Program Committee** that the December meeting will be a special program where members can tell us about a special Christmas, or tell about a special ornament, even bringing it in to show everyone. She encouraged everyone to give this some thought to be able to share next time. The **January meeting** will have a program change. It will be entitled, "Lost Landmarks of Saratoga County", presented by Anne Clothier. Mary also led a discussion about a recommendation to obtain a **digital projector** for the meetings, instead of borrowing one or having guests bring their own. Mary presented the motion of the Board to request the GPS membership and authorize Richard to purchase a digital projector not to exceed \$550 for the purpose of our program presentations. A suggestion was made to also purchase an extra bulb, to which Richard replied that the money allotted would be enough to include that. The motion was seconded and approved. Richard led a discussion about **Summer Meetings** per a member's request. This centered around the idea that often January and February meetings have to be cancelled due to the weather. It was noted that the weather would be better if we switched the 2 months off from June and July to Jan. and Feb. It would also mean daylight for the meetings. The picnic, which is now in June when it is often cold and rainy, could be in July or August. There may even be better attendance if the summer lake people come. It would also mean less work for the Program Committee to reschedule cancelled meetings. On the other side, summers are often busy and many people go away. Summer activities make it hard to prepare for the meetings. It may be harder to get speakers, and it may be hard to schedule a meeting on the week of July 4th. It was noted that if there was a change, it would be for the 2016 – 2017 year. It also would mean the bylaws would have to be amended which would require a 2/3 vote of the membership, since they specify that June and July are the months off. Arlene Rhodes suggested voting to change the bylaws to be more general, (not mentioning the particular meetings, i.e. Sept-June) but just the number of meetings (10 months out of 12). That would make it easier to change at a later date even if we decide not to change it now. The **Next Meeting** will be December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. The program is "Christmas Keepsakes and Reflections" presented by GPS members. Don Carpenter made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded and approved. Virginia Sawicki introduced the speaker, Anne Clothier, Director of Education at Brookside Museum, who did a presentation on "Alonzo Bump: A Local Civil War Soldier."

Respectfully submitted, Martha Brandow, secretary