

Brookline History Committee Minutes from 11-FEB-2019 meeting at Brusck Hall.

Attendees: Eldridge, Fallon, Marcek, Pope, Webb

Meeting was called to order at 6:45 P.M.

January minutes were approved unanimously

Book Sales Update:

- 102 books sold as of 12-FEB, per Tad Putney
- According to D. Marcek, Sid has suggested 15-JUN as official publication date, at which time the book price will rise from \$25 to \$35. No action taken on this suggestion.
- Number of books for initial printing remains undetermined. A high end of 2000 copies means higher cost outlay, lower per-unit cost, and (perhaps) bigger storage challenge. No action taken on this matter, though high/mid/low printing cost figures will be helpful for funding request presentation at March town meeting.
- Fallon will ask Jim Solinas at Brookline Transfer Station for permission to promote the history book there. [UPDATE- 14-FEB] Jim *enthusiastically* supports promoting the book at the transfer station. He is open to a variety of ways to do so and has offered the use of one or more very large whiteboards that are stored at the Transfer Station. A weather-resistant poster/banner – that includes contact and purchase information - might be an effective way to handle this.
- Question was raised about promoting the history book in local media outlets. This should be timely topic for the March meeting, if not sooner.
- Storage of surplus books was discussed, inconclusively. One possibility, offered by Tad Putney, is a roughly 8' by 12' utility room in the northwest corner of Town Hall basement, near the water heater. A second possibility is a Route 13 storage unit offered by Tom Moran for the Friends of the Library to use for their book sale inventory. Questions to be answered about Mr. Moran's offer are:
 - Is the unit climate-controlled?
 - If the Friends do not need the unit would Mr. Moran be willing to allow the history books to be stored in the space?
 - What – if any – conditions apply to the use of the space?

Seems to be a timely topic for the March committee meeting.

Donation of Centennial Celebration Poster

This was determined to be more within the remit of the Brookline Historical Society and matter will be raised at the BHS monthly meeting of 13-FEB.

Technology Update

Dan asked about archival of electronic artifacts pertaining to the history book, including the book itself. Unless someone knows otherwise, this remains an open topic. Brookline Historical Society is a possibility, but BHS relies entirely on the availability and talents of volunteers. Would be good to get more specifics about this matter.

Meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:15.

Jack Fallon