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STRATFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY



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News Letter

The November regular meeting will be held Friday, November 20th at 8:00 P.M. at the Methodist Church Hall. The speaker will be Mr. William Pender who will speak on "Exploring Connecticut with Slides".

The last meeting was a long one, yet we overlooked passing the revised By Laws. This will be discussed at the meeting. Copies will be available for anyone interested.

Two appointments are announced; Mrs. Edmund H. Judson, Jr. has accepted the chairmanship of the Nominating Committee and Mrs. Leo Miller, Jr. has accepted the chairmanship of the Ways and Means Committee.

At the Flea Market, the Society has a booth from which odds and ends are sold for the benefit of the Society. We now have three awnings, and 4 tables that were received in exchange for trading stamps. We can use more - so all gifts of trading stamps - blue, green or plaid are most welcome. It takes about 10 books for either article.

The budget for the year has to be drawn up. Last year our budget was \$8,345. We were able to stay within its limits this year. However, our expected income was only \$6440. The success of the Flea Market made the difference. But it can be seen what a problem would arise if it rained. Although it is a very hard day's work for a few people, it is the biggest money raiser that has been found.

Finances are our biggest problem. We still owe \$6000 on the Sammis House mortgage. We have about \$40,000 in various trust accounts that are earning us interest. Their expenditures are limited however.

Last year we planned on dues at \$1800. So far this year we are over \$1000. A gentle reminder that half of our dues have not been paid yet. New members are an important asset of the Society. If you know of anyone that does not belong, ask him now.

And don't forget Judson House. How long since you have been there? Visitors come from many states to see our possession, but very few from the Stratford area. And even less from our members. It is by admissions (\$1090.94) and sales of pictures, pencils, etc. that we receive a large share of our budget. It is a tour that is well worth while - even if you've been there before. The various committees have done a splendid job in arranging displays, and finding out what we own so that they may be displayed. We have had favorable comments from people from other museum's about our displays. Do come in and take another look for yourself.

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You might be interested in our financial picture for the past year:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual Expenses</u>
Utilities and Fuel	\$ 1200.00	\$ 1077.69
Salaries	1400.00	1264.60
Taxes and Insurance	650.00	659.73
Acquisitions	500.00	463.32
Hospitality	100.00	53.65
Library	75.00	68.75
Printing and Supplies	450.00	621.90
Programs	400.00	285.00
Education	25.00	00
History and Research	20.00	00
Judson House	400.00	478.73
Building and Grounds	350.00	372.27
Ways and Means	400.00	684.42
Misc.-Contingencies	100.00	69.29
Mortgage Payment	1000.00	1000.00
Mortgage Interest Payment	325.00	325.00
Special Gifts Disbursement	340.00	182.90
Publicity (Brochures)	150.00	155.00
Security System	460.00	336.67
Totals	\$ 8345.00	\$ 8098.92

<u>Income</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Received</u>
Dues	\$ 1800.00	\$ 2005.00
Investments	1900.00	1976.40
House Sales & Admissions	600.00	1099.94
Ways and Means	1500.00	2693.59
Gifts and Miscellaneous	300.00	920.00
Special Gifts	340.00	1036.10
Total	\$ 6440.00	\$ 9722.03