OLD YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of the 2025 Annual Meeting

Sunday, August 10, 2025

Call to Order: President Cheryl Farley called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

Disposition of Minutes of 2024 Annual Meeting: Moved by Arthur Brennan, seconded by Elaine Burnham to approve the minutes. The motion passed without objection.

Report of the President:

Cheryl Farley expressed her appreciation to the members, staff and trustees for their support of Old York. She reviewed a number of accomplishments from 2024, including completion of a three-year strategic plan. Cheryl noted that Executive Director Joel Lefever has announced his retirement from Old York, effective December 31, 2025. A formal celebration and thank you to Joel will be held later in the year. The Executive Committee, plus community member Mary Harding, has begun the search process for a new Executive Director.

Report of the Treasurer:

Lydia Blume reviewed Old York's financial results for 2024. As in prior years, Old York received an unqualified opinion from the organization's CPA's.

Election of Officers and Trustees:

Cheryl Farley presented the slate of officers for 2025-2026: Cheryl Farley, President, Tom Hardiman, Vice President, Lydia Blume, Treasurer, Marla Johnson, Secretary. It was moved by Bob McCarthy, seconded by Elaine Burnham, to accept the slate of officers. The motion was approved without objection.

Cheryl presented new trustees Louise Baker and Tom Dunn, 2025-2028, and renewal trustees Lydia Blume, second term, 2025-2028 and Elaine Burnham, third term, 2025-2028. Moved by Marla Johnson, seconded by Tom Hardiman, approved without objection.

Executive Director's Report:

Joel Lefever reviewed the highlights of 2024, including a number of accomplishments with respect to buildings, programs, and events. He thanked the staff for their work and the trustees for their support and guidance. Joel noted his upcoming retirement and looks forward to new leadership continuing the museum's vision.

There was no new business.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:40 p.m.