

New Hampshire Grange Foundation
Minutes of 2021 Annual Meeting
Friday, October 22, 2021 – Best Western PLUS, Keene, NH

Present: Jim Tetreault–President, Andrew Savage-Treasurer, Tara Sad-Secretary, Bob Haefner, Jozi Best

Present via ZOOM –John Porter, Linda Lauer

Pres. Tetreault opened the meeting at 3:00 pm, and welcomed the board members present and on Zoom, and noted there was a quorum present.

Secretary’s Report

Secretary Tara Sad presented the minutes from the 2020 Grange Foundation Annual Meeting, which had been previously distributed to the Board members.

President Tetreault asked if there were any changes to be made to the minutes. There being none, Bob Haefner moved and Andrew Savage seconded the motion to accept the minutes. The resulting vote was unanimous.

Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer Andrew Savage presented his report for the Foundation through the June 30, 2019 fiscal year end.

Morgan Stanley Smith Barney Account:	\$134,591.32
Provident Bank Checking Account	\$ 40,875.10*
(* \$29,050.00 of this balance is the flow through money to be used for the renovations of the Antrim Grange Hall)	

Scholarships awarded: None

There was a motion to accept the treasurer’s report made by Tara Sad, seconded by Jozi Best. The resulting vote was unanimous in favor.

President’s Report

Pres. Tetreault then presented his President’s Report:

October 23, 2021

To the officers and members of the New Hampshire State Grange:

This is the Annual Presidents report of the New Hampshire State Grange foundation. This year's President Report is short this year due to Covid 19.

The foundation met in July via zoom and with the economic conditions turning around from last year's reporting, our endowment has performed well in the stock market this year, thus allowing us fund two \$5, 000.00 scholarships Details will becoming available in the next issue of the Granite State Granger.

With the onset of the pandemic technology has played an important role in allowing us to meet in the comfort of our homes. One of the "complaints" I had was that it took longer to get to our meeting than the actual meeting itself. Zoom has allowed us to have good thoughtful meetings, without long distance travel, it has also allowed members who live a long distance to still be part of the meeting and share their talents on a regular basis
I want to thank all of the Directors for serving.

Sincerely,

Jim Tetreault,
President NH State Grange Foundation

Tara Sad moved and Jozi Best seconded a motion to accept the President's Report as submitted. The resulting vote was unanimous in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Election of Board Members whose terms expire:

Pres. Tetreault said that Board Member Sandy Salo, whose term expires this year, will not be returning for another term. He noted that Sandy was one of the first board members of the Foundation, and we appreciate her service over the years.

Bob Haefner offered the names of the two remaining board members whose terms expire for election for another three year term. These members are:

**Jim Tetreault
Jozi Best
Gail McWilliam Jellie**

Tara Sad moved and Andrew Savage seconded the motion to elect them to another three year term.

The delegates of the State Grange then voted unanimously in favor of the re-election of the three board members.

Election of Officers:

Bob Haefner then presented the slate of officers of the board for election for another year's term. The officers are:

**Jim Tetreault, President;
Dave Babson, Vice President;
Andrew Savage, Treasurer,
Tara Sad, Secretary**

Jozi Best moved and seconded Bob Haefner seconded a motion to elect officers for the 2021-22 Year. . The resulting vote was unanimous in favor of re-election of officers.

The delegates of the State Grange voted in favor as well.

Other Business:

Scholarships

John Porter recommended that, since there seemed to be a healthy balance in the accounts, and that the Foundation should consider giving scholarships this year. Jim Tetreault noted that the Foundation is planning the publicity for the availability of the scholarships this year. We are going to send out press releases to the *Communicator*, *The Granite State Granger*, and *The Market Bulletin*. The scholarship application form will be on the State Grange website for downloading by interested students.

We are going to award two (2) \$5,000 scholarships in late Spring of 2022.

Hannah West, Grange member, suggested that a wider net be spread to reach college students in need of assistance, and recommended that we submit the press release to the guidance office of the University of New Hampshire, which has an Agriculture College.

She also suggested that any empty board seat might best be filled with someone with Marketing and Publicity experience who can then help in our efforts to reach the most worthy scholarship recipients.

Request from Antrim Grange

Renee Mercier-Gerristen, Master of the Antrim Grange, asked a question of the board.

'If the State Grange (or other entity) magically came up with lots of money to fund a grant program to benefit Grants who need help maintaining their halls, would the NH Grange Foundation be willing and able to create and manage that grant program?'

Bob Haefner answered that this was a question for the IRS, whose rules regarding what the Foundation can and cannot do legally are strict. He suggested that the Antrim

Grange prepare a presentation with more details and submit it to the Foundation for consideration.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Bob Haefner moved and Jozi Best seconded a motion to adjourn. The resulting vote was unanimous in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Sad, Secretary