

CSCHS Minutes
September 11, 2007
Lawyers' Conference Room

Meeting convened at 2:05 p.m. by Wes Horton.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Tom Groark gave the Treasurer's Report indicating the balance of the Society's funds was \$22,911.93. A motion to accept the report was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

FALL MEETING: The Program Committee has been proceeding with the final arrangements for the fall meeting. The program will feature a talk by the Honorable Henry Cohn on "Connecticut's Early Constitutions." The evening will begin at 6:00 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar and will conclude after Judge Cohn's remarks at approximately 8:00 p.m.. A "Save the Date" has been by e-mail to the membership as well as an advertisement in the *Law Tribune*. Robinson Cole will provide the programs as they have done in the past.

ANNUAL MEETING: The Board discussed a number of possible speakers (outlined in an earlier e-mail) and the issue of a 'speaker's fee.' Kit discussed the various fees charged by prominent historians (as an example, David McCullough at \$38,000). The Board members asked Kit Collier to see if an emeritus Brown professor, Gordon Wood, who was highly recommended by Kit, would be available. Kit agreed to call him and 'sound him out' this coming week.

The date for the meeting would be in May or June depending in large part on the speaker's availability. The group also discussed several other possible speakers in the event that Gordon was unavailable. Wes emphasized the importance of meeting a deadline for finding a speaker by mid-November.

Wes and Justice Zarella will discuss the non-speaker aspects of the program in grater detail in the upcoming week. A reenactment of arguments from an old case (similar to a mock trial) had been mentioned as a possible idea for the afternoon program.

There might also be a possibility of coordinating something with the Connecticut Museum through Dave Corrigan and Dean Nelson. Kit mentioned that monies for such a program might be available through the Connecticut Humanities Council.

WEBSITE: Greg did not have anything to report other than the future plan to place the Fall Meeting notes and links on the website. Greg encouraged the members so send him new items and updates so the pages could be kept fresh and interesting.

CONNECTICUT CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE: John Farley talked about the upcoming conference at the UCONN Law School on November 3, 2007 which the Society is co-sponsoring with the Association for the Study of Connecticut History, the University of Connecticut School of Law, and The Acorn Club. The daylong conference

on Connecticut constitutional and legal history is entitled "The Connecticut Constitution of 1818 and Beyond." John made a motion, which the Board approved, to create signs for the event for the Historical Society to place at the venue.

The next meeting will take place on January 8, 2008 in the Lawyers Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Heck,
Secretary Pro Tem