**Minutes of the Tinmouth Community Fund Annual Meeting**

**March 3, 2018**

Present: Jan Krantz (Chair), Ray Pratt (Vice Chair), Cathy Reynolds (Treasurer), Melody Squier, Arne Majorell, Patti Macaluso, Helen Mango (Secretary), interested citizens of the Town of Tinmouth.

Jan called the meeting to order at 11:08 a.m.

Jan gave a brief overview of the history of the Tinmouth Community Fund, beginning with the money left over after the Community Center was built, and continuing with donations. The Community Grant fund was developed. The Higher Education Scholarship and K-12 Camp Scholarship funds have been added more recently.

The minutes of last year’s annual meeting was moved by Cathy, seconded by Ray. Two minor editorial changes were made. Motion passed.

Cathy gave a report on the fund’s finances: We began year with $10,987.11 in the Town’s checkbook, and ended with $12,039.48.

TCF endowment: $263,574. Reserve fund: $51,720.

Total available balance: $323,430.

$8105 was allocated to Community Fund grants (including $105 raised at the last TCF meeting).

Ray gave a summary of the 2017 awards (15 awarded): total $7350. A few grants are being rolled over to this year, and two grants were never used. The crabapple trees, the bake oven, and the Old Creamery renovations are among the higher-visibility projects, but there are also important lower-visibility projects that benefit Tinmouth. A request was made that grant recipients supply the TCF with photographs of their achievements.

Helen handed out the awards for 2018 ($500 each unless otherwise noted):

* Kamp for Kindness
* Event advertisement ($370)
* Tinmouth Community Directory
* Tinmouth Contra Dance
* Tinmouth Elementary School Garden Program (PreK/K garden)
* Tinmouth Elementary School – contra dance instruction
* Tinmouth Elementary School – Wee Folks playground
* Town laminator ($415)
* Tinmouth Historical and Genealogical Society
* Tinmouth Blooms 1 and 2 ($400 each)
* Tinmouth Milfoil Project
* Tinmouth Elves (clothes for needy families)
* Tinmouth Handbell Ensemble
* Tinmouth Old Creamery Committee
* Tales of Tinmouth
* Tinmouth Motely Writing Group and Tinmouth Library

Melody reported from the camp scholarship committee: In 2017, two families were awarded scholarships, totaling $375. Melody encouraged people to spread the word about these scholarships. The grants are on a sliding scale, with the families contributing part of the cost and the TCF funding the rest.

Cathy reported from the Higher Education Scholarship Committee: Last year nine scholarships were awarded, for a total of $10,500. Volunteers were accepted for the committee: Nelson Jaquay, Arne Majorell, Jan Krantz, Doug Fontein, Rene Wilbur. This year the TCF will award $11,000.

Tinmouth Elementary School principal Maureen Fitzgerald-Riker described a new scholarship in Tinmouth named for Pam Garceau, administrative assistant for TES, who passed away suddenly in December, 2017. Her family is setting up a grant to provide (1) a $100 gift certificate from Staples for every TES graduate, and (2) a $2000 scholarship for a Tinmouth graduate of Mill River Union High School.

Last year’s Scholarship Committee was composed of Bob Lloyd, Ruth Drachman, Rene Wilbur, Annie Robbins, Tess McGinley, Nelson Jaquay and Caleb Scott.

Jan thanked Arne for filling in a one-year vacancy on the TCF board last year. Jan also recognized Ramsey Yoder who is retiring from the TCF board. He has been on the board since its inception, and is thanked warmly for all his contributions to the board. He said it all began because we used to have “the ugliest fire house in the state.” Jan’s term is also expiring but has agreed to run again.

Elections to TCF board: Rainbow Squier and Cat Yoder nominated by Nelson Jaquay, seconded by Jo Reynolds. Motion carried.

Doug moved that Jan be nominated as Chair, Ray as Vice Chair, Cathy as Treasurer, Helen as Secretary. Seconded by Melody. No further nominations. Motion carried.

No new business.

Jan adjourned the annual meeting at 11:43 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Mango

Note: After the TCF annual meeting was officially adjourned, Elizabeth Marx of the Vermont Community Fund gave a presentation on how the mission and operations of the VCF, including a big shout-out to Tinmouth for being a model community fund creator/user. Another town in Vermont has recently modeled their community fund practically word-for-word after Tinmouth’s, which is the sincerest form of flattery.