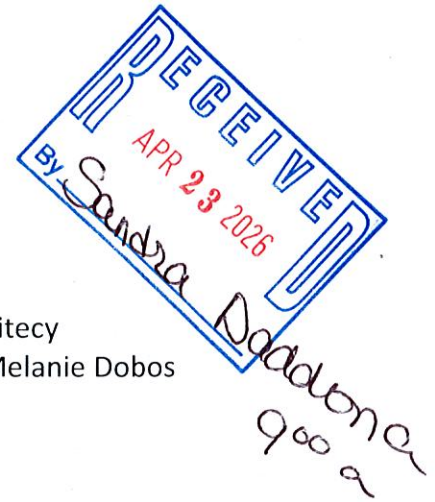




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April 16, 2026 Meeting

Attendance:

Beth Schaffer (chair) Ami Kwetkus (co-chair) Christina Glick Peggy Witecy
Karen Lamy Don Lamy Sarah Walker Melanie Dobos
George Keller Hedy Kelley

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made by Melanie Dobos and seconded by Christina Glick to amend the minutes due to changes in the elected positions. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Balance is \$29,301.36

New Business:

Open Positions:

Motion to accept the resignation of XXXX as secretary and accept the resignation of Sara Walker as treasurer by Melanie Dobos, seconded by Peggy Witecy. Motion carried
Peggy has volunteered to fill this position of treasurer and Hedy Kelley has volunteered to fill the position of secretary.

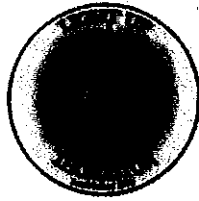
Melanie made a motion to accept Peggy as the treasurer, Sara Walker seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Melanie made a motion to accept Hedy as the secretary, Peggy seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Spring Summer Fundraisers:

Group discussed the feasibility of the following fundraisers over the spring/summertime:

- Lights for a tree in memory or honor of someone, to be used the night of the event, but collected year round
- Donation box at local restaurants
- Mailings to businesses (annual appeal), addition of possible sponsorship levels.
- Car Show – opportunity to do something
- Fireman's Carnival, can we do something to help – spread the word of the event, possibly fundraise.
- Christmas in July movie night, this would be a partnership with the library, looking at July 25 for a possible date
- Would businesses be willing to participate in a Christmas in July event, with a portion of the proceeds coming back to LUT?
- Selling saplings
- Thomaston Savings Bank Grant – Applications are open July 1-July 31
- Rotary Club Grant



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- Create a QR code that can be placed on social media and around town for donations to come directly to LUT
- Paper wreaths used to be sold at businesses. Do we still have some available?

Action Plans:

- Draft a letter to local businesses for donations. Beth will work on this.
- Check with Thomaston Public Library for the Christmas in July movie night, Melanie will do this.

Parade:

Should we consider having a Grand Marshall at our Parade and a Best Float award?

Old Business:

There will be no candy handed out at the parade; if individuals want to donate candy, it can be placed in locations throughout the town. Additionally, it has come to our attention that there were floats tossing out adult beverages; this will not be permitted.

The group will be reviewing the paid vendors to determine which are fiscally the best choices to continue with and opportunities to introduce new vendors/events.

The storage trailer needs to be cleaned out and organized. A group will gather on May 17 at 11:00 am to work on this.

Our next meeting will be on June 4, 2026, at 7 pm. During that meeting, we will be wrapping some empty boxes. If you have paper or small boxes, please bring them.

Motion to adjourn meeting as made by Christine, and seconded by Peggy. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.