GAHWNY **General Meeting** – Chautauqua Institute – September 24, 2011

Meeting opened at 11:53 a.m.

Sue Conklin, GAHWNY Chair, brought the meeting to order and asked the group to go over minutes from the spring meeting. Vote to approve minutes, by Scott Benz; seconded by Lorna Spencer all in favor, approved.

Amie Alden gave the treasurer's report. She needed to correct a few dates. Copies of the report are in member folders for April meeting to September. Bank statements, 4/13- 9/13 correct to 2011. GAHWNY will be finishing 3 years in the black again by about $900. Motion to approve by Jody Shaw; seconded by Jeff Mason. Treasure's report approved.

Amie gave our membership report: 104 paid members for 2011 was down somewhat from 2010. We had 144 paid members in 2010. Q: Membership cards? A: No.

New business: A TV special on the War of 1812 will air on Monday, October 10th on WNED.

Michelle Henry and Sue discuss issue of a historian's position abolished by the mayor of Dunkirk. Sue will send him the law. We received letter from Lizbeth Hoffman, Town of Carlton (Orleans Co.) historian, to say thank you for the recognition on her 30 years of service as an historian.

Website: Sue Conklin reminded members to send Cindy Amrhein their famous people for the website.

Sue brought up the scholarship idea to put some of our funds to good use. $200 could be given to each school for a student who is transferring from a SUNY college to regular college for history. Not every year, but we can do it as a gift. We have about $5000 to give back to community. Amie suggested it should be part of our mission to bring in young people and get them interested in history. The schools will pick the recipient.

Sue brought up the idea of another field trip for discussion. Only four historians went on the last one. It was decided to drop the idea because feasibility in this economy is too costly.

Crystal Beaver tally:
Seneca Nation 1
Allegany 2
Cattaraugus 8
Chautauqua 17
Erie 10
Genesee 11
Livingston 6
Monroe 4
Niagara 6
Orleans 0