

Johnson Historical Society Monthly Meeting Minutes
11 May 2016 - 9 AM at the Dr. Holcomb House

Present: Dean West, Jane Marshall, Tom Carney, Alice Whiting, Duncan Hastings & Lois Frey.
Regrets: Linda Jones, Frank Dodge, Jessyca West. Guest: Aggie West

Dean West called the meeting to order at 9 AM.
There were no additions or adjustments to the agenda.

The minutes for April 13, 2016 were approved as published.

Treasurer's Report: \$14,105.22

Budget Report

*Following discussion it was decided that a monthly Budget Status Report from Rosemary would be helpful, (especially for building future budgets) with a more detailed report quarterly and at the end of the year. Duncan will discuss the Society's request with Rosemary.

*Tom reported receipt of the Vermont Historical Society 2016 membership card.

Building Committee Report

*Duncan brought and installed the shelf he made for one of the display cases.

*Dean discussed the need for rain gutters, which are a part of the building's maintenance.

Duncan will request bids for the Select Board's consideration.

*Tom reported that the sink hole by the front entrance had been filled with sand; but there was no way of knowing whether the fix would hold. Duncan volunteered to look into having a camera inspection of the pipe as a safety check.

Action Items:

*Computer update-Lois reported the computer continues to periodically give error messages which require shutting down the system. Bob Stein from VEC is no longer able to provide technical help. Duncan suggested that the town has an IT fellow who is setting up their system and he may have time to check-out what needs to be done to address our computer problems. Dean, Tom or Lois may be contacted to open the facility to accommodate the IT fellow's schedule.

*Telephone answering system-Tom and Duncan will work with FairPoint Communications to set up the answering system after the meeting.

*Memorial Day Open House schedule-Tom, Dean, Jane, & Linda will host the Memorial Day Open House from 1 to 4 PM on Sunday, May 29th.

*Summer work schedule- A key person was identified for each day the Dr. Holcomb House is scheduled to be open during the summer. The June schedule, which will be posted in the office is: June 2, 9 AM to noon **Dean**; June 5, 1-4 PM **Duncan**; June 9, 9 AM – noon **Alice**, June 12, 1-4 PM, **Lois**; June 16, 9 AM-noon **Linda**; June 19, 1-4 PM **Tom**; June 23, 9-noon **Tom** with **Jane**; June 26, 1-4 PM **Linda** with **Jane**; June 30, 9-noon **Lois**. Trustees who have not signed up for a June date may do so, preferably on a date with only one trustee signed up. Now that the basic schedule is established, Alice will contact her list of volunteers.

*VT History Expo schedule-The schedule for the VT History Expo is June 17th set-up at Tunbridge by **Linda** and **Lois**. Saturday, June 18th will be covered from 10 AM to 1:30 PM by **Tom & Sue**; and 1:30 PM to 5 PM by **Dean & Aggie**. On Sunday, June 19th from 10 AM to 5 PM **Lois & Jane** will be on duty unless there are other volunteers to cover the morning shift. AT 5 PM **Lois & Jane** will then break-down the exhibit and return it to Johnson.

Fundraising Report:

*Membership-Alice reported Individual memberships total 11 renewals and 7 new; Family memberships total 24 renewals, 14 continuing and 2 new; Business memberships include 2 renewals and 6 new; when adding our 9 life memberships, the total memberships for 2016 are 105.

*Building Fund Committee will host a reception for lead donors on May 26th. It was decided that printing a limited number of brochure copies (50) using the town printer would be enough until the final brochure is completed. Lois will check with Rosemary to purchase legal-sized paper for the project.

*Book sales-Tom reported one book sold this month.

Program/Project Follow-up:

*Funding for front steps-Duncan suggested that the front steps could be rebuilt by volunteers with his assistance and equipment. He will look into what would be needed to do the job.

*Tuesday Night Live-No word yet on the licensing requirement for food sales. Aggie is in need of pie makers to replace those lost during the past year.

*The VT History Expo display is being prepared. Old insulators to donate or loan are welcome.

Acquisitions:

*A chair and an EMT imprinted ax were donated by George Desmarais and Emma Thompson.

*Aggie donated a pair of ice skates which she had purchased at a Roger Jones lawn sale.

*Lois brought a very old horse shoe, some nails and pipe which were dug-up when the Johnson Tree Board was planting the maple tree on May 7th.

*Jane delivered a copy of two memoir anthologies from classes taught at the Johnson Public Library by Ann Turkle in 2009 & 2016.

Other Business:

*Notes from Linda-1) The Sterling Market & Johnson Works Walk Around will be held in late August when the JSC students return to campus. 2) One of the JHS collection parade pictures will be on the cover of the new Lamoille County telephone book. 3) Ann Conway, County Clerk has selected 40 pictures from the JHS collection to display at the opening of the new court house in Hyde Park.

*Lois reported that the sugar maple tree planted by the Johnson Tree Board will need to be watered during dry spells. New trees need 15 gallons of water, twice a week through Fall if it isn't raining sufficiently. Lois has one length of hose but two more are needed to reach from the faucet to the tree. Buckets will be available if more hose is not available. A thank you is extended to the Tree Board. Pictures of the event are on the Conservation Commission Facebook page.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Minutes recorded by Lois Frey, Secretary