

Johnson Historical Society Meeting
11 February 2015 at the Holcomb House at 9:00 AM

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

Linda Jones called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

The agenda was reviewed with three additions: sewing machine sale request, Acadia royalty clarification, and the Farmers Market request.

It was moved, seconded, and approved to accept the meeting minutes from January 14, 2015 as printed.

Treasurer Tom Carney reported a balance of \$18,076.42 in the Society's operating account.

Following a budget discussion in which Tom itemized the expenses from July 1, 2014 to date which was very helpful, it was decided that the Treasurer would provide a monthly itemized report.

Acquisitions: Lois Frey reported that Lisa Morris with the Vermont Electric Cooperative contacted her in response to a grant request submitted by the Historical Society. She offered the Society a HP 6005 Pro Small Form Factor desktop computer with a Windows 7 Professional 64 bit Operating System and more plus a 20 inch flat screen monitor and a router. Specs prepared by Robert Stein attached to the hardcopy minutes. Following an enthusiastic discussion, **it was moved, seconded and approved to accept the donation from the Vermont Electric Cooperative with our sincere appreciation.** Secretary will respond.

Building Committee Report: Dean West reported that the committee has not met since the Society's last meeting. Weather conditions affect the timeline. Renovations have yielded some items that may be reused or sold by the town including an overhead door with remote, interior doors and some woodwork. Following discussion, the Society decided any items available at the closing of construction could be added to the Society's proposed Lawn Sale at a date to be announced if the Town was not interested in keeping the items. The Building Committee will follow-up when appropriate. Dean reported that the separation of utilities among tenants in the building is not a top priority in the construction project at this time. Following discussion, **it was moved, seconded and passed to have a conversation with the town leaders regarding utility payments by the Historical Society before and after occupation of the building.**

Fundraising Report:

Membership: Alice Whiting reported the 2015 Historical Society paid memberships include: 21 individual, 13 senior, 27 family, 18 multi-year, 2 business, and 10 life members.

Building Fund Committee: Alice Whiting reported that members of the Building Fund Committee are working on a flyer for distribution at Town Meeting. She mentioned that December & January were rather slow months, but committee members still have more follow up to do with several prospects.

Program Update: Aggie West reviewed her to-do list for the Winter Carnival luncheon which is February 21st at the Johnson Elementary School gym. Board members volunteered to purchase and or cook specific items still needed to complete Aggie's menu. Based on the costs of ingredients, it was agreed by all to increase the price of food this year.

Future Program Planning: One suggestion for a future program is Barry Simays, discussing fire-fighting in Vermont.

Other Business: 1) Steve Engel asked if the Historical Society would consider selling the sewing machine from the old shoe repair shop, valued at \$400-\$500, which is a part of our collection. Following discussion, **it was moved, seconded, and passed to keep the sewing machine as part of the Society's collection.**

2) Tom Carney requested clarification about a bill received from Arcadia Publishing from the IRS requesting tax payment related to the \$37 royalty check recently received. The issue has been addressed previously by Rosemary Audibert as the town maintains non-profit status. It was suggested that Tom clarify with Rosemary and respond.

3) Linda Jones was asked by the Johnson Farmers Market Coordinator if the Historical Society would like to sell pies at their 2015 Market, which will be held at the Landmark on a day to be determined throughout the summer. Following discussion, it was agreed that Tuesday Night Live was a summer priority for fundraising and volunteers could not be asked to support both. Linda will advise the coordinator.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be held on 11 March 2015 at 9 AM at the Dr. Holcomb House.

Meeting minutes recorded by Lois Frey, Secretary