

Johnson Historical Society Monthly Meeting
11 January 2017 at 9 AM at the Holcomb House

Present: Linda Jones, Frank Dodge, Dean West, Tom Carney, Jane Marshall, Duncan Hastings, & Lois Frey. Regrets: Alice Whiting, Absent: Jessyca West. Guests: Aggie West, Jack Dennis, and Melanie Dennis.

Linda Jones called the meeting to order at 9 AM.

The agenda was reviewed with additions: 1) fix for sign-in table, 2) acquisitions, 3) request by Jack Dennis, 4) request from Kyle Nuse, and 5) annual report review.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the 14 December 2016 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Tom Carney reported a balance of \$21, 285.81 as of 1.11.2017.

Budget Report:

*Tom shared a budget status report as well as the detailed transactions listing for ease of understanding by the Board members. Expenditures to date appear to be in order; although the telephone charge seemed high so Tom will check-in with FairPoint Communications.

*Linda reported that she, along with Alice and Lois, prepared a budget proposal for next year as requested by the Town Administrator. The draft was reviewed by all with adjustments made. **It was moved, seconded and passed to submit the adjusted budget for inclusion in the Annual Town Report.**

Administrative items:

*Computer: The new computer has been delivered. Duncan will arrange a set-up date for the new computer and a tune-up date for the old computer by Larry Jensen.

*February 2017 Holcomb House schedule: The hosting schedule is 2/02 Linda Jones, 2/05 Tom Carney, 2/09 Dean West, 2/12 Dean West, 2/16 Tom Carney, 2/19 Linda Jones, 2/23 Lois Frey, 2/26 Duncan Hastings.

* Linda reported the App for History project with Eric Kirk will be completed once the JSC students return to campus.

Building Committee Report:

*The electrician will return to install an outlet by the exit door and one for the dehumidifier by the cellar door, a work in progress.

*Following discussion, **it was moved, seconded and approved to get the alarm system connected by telephone to the Lamoille County Sheriff's Department for dispatch.** Duncan will coordinate with the Town & LCSD and Dean will contact the Security Company.

*Following discussion, it was decided that Duncan would request an estimate for weather seal insulation from Fred Martin, Village Builders.

*Duncan volunteered to fix the sign-in table using the equipment in his workshop.

Fundraising Report:

*Membership: Linda reported for Alice Whiting that there have been 35 new members plus 12 new members who also sent donations, and 3 business memberships, plus 8 donations.

No report from the Building Fund Committee which will meet next Wednesday.

Program/Projects:

*A Talc Mill & Mine History will be presented by Dean West on 15 January 2017.

*Vince Frankie is still working on the Johnson/JSC documentary.

* Steve Engel, who has a great deal of experience, has agreed to give a talk about clocks on Sunday, February 12, 2017 at 2 p.m. at the Holcomb House.

*Following discussion with Jack Dennis about connecting life experiences with history, Duncan volunteered to help identify contacts who might be able to help Jack with a video interview program about bees & honey for an animated book series for 5 to 8 year olds. Dean volunteered to check with Bruce Collins.

Committee volunteers are welcome. Jack's email is sassy.jack.dennis@gmail.com.

Acquisitions:

*Sid and Marian Nichols have donated a mantle clock, and a table with chairs.

*Items which formerly belonged to Bernice Cameron include a Majestic wood washing machine, a wooden form for winding yarn, several handsaws, five chairs, and a push lawn mower with steel wheels (circa 1930) have been donated by Thomas Barron.

*Leslie Crisp Martin, who now lives in Superior, Arizona sent nine postcards; a booklet, Quotes from the Diary of Z. W. A. Leach (1864), a Holy Bible presented by the Oread Club; The Wit of Northern Vermont by Robert Davis; a business card for Farrell Antique Shop; 18 Vermont History Magazines, and a 1995 Union Bank calendar.

Lois Frey distributed a draft annual report, which was reviewed with a request for changes by Thursday AM when it will be sent to Rosemary Audibert.

Future Planning: In response to a request by Kyle Nuse for Town Meeting, it was decided to create an exhibit and to sell slices of homemade pie during the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Next meeting will be held on February 8, 2017 at 9 AM.

Meeting minutes prepared by Lois Frey, Recording Secretary