

Johnson Historical Society Meeting
8 July 2015 at the Holcomb House at 9:00 AM

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

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

The agenda was reviewed with no additions.

It was moved, seconded, and approved to accept the meeting minutes of June 10, 2015 as printed.

Treasurer's Report: Lois Frey reported for Tom Carney a balance of \$13,399.88 in the Society's operating account.

Budget Report: None available

Building Committee Report & Next Steps:

Dean West reported that the building inspection was just completed with two minor adjustments being required: an add-on to the handicapped ramp railing and a specific closure devise for one door. The official written approval will arrive soon. Dean will follow-up to fix the two noted problems.

Dean reported that the Select Board approved having the unpainted section of the Holcomb House roof painted and gave Duncan Hastings authority to proceed with the process.

Tom Carney will assess the state of the security system and advise if any parts are needed.

Gilles Lehouillier leveled the floor as needed. Brian Currier then laid the floor with assistance from Dean and Tom. The trio developed an effective working system, accomplishing the task in two days. The floor looks great!

Next step: Inventory the storage areas to identify the large items that will require professional help, then contact local movers (Larry Myette, Greg Sargent, etc.) for cost estimates. **The inventory will take place on July 16th starting at 8:30 AM. Meet at the Holcomb House.** Lois reported that Rosemary reminded her that the butter churn, located at the Municipal Building could be moved anytime.

Yard Sale Report: The Yard Sale (June 26 & 27) was very successful with the sale of almost all the items previously stored at the Holcomb House.

Tuesday Night Live Report: Tuesday Night Live opened with a good crowd on July 7th. Lois reported the food sales generated \$504.35. Aggie's volunteer

bakers produced a wide selection of pies making choices difficult for some customers.

Fundraising Report:

Membership: Alice Whiting reported one new membership.

Building Fund Committee: Continues to meet.

Acquisitions:

Lois reported that Bob Stein delivered a computer and router donated by the Vermont Electric Co-op to the Holcomb House. Once the decision is made where to locate the equipment, Bob will return to complete the installation.

Linda reported receipt of several items from Hope Miller including 1) a small souvenir plate marked with Old Congo Church & Normal School, 2) a card sent to Roger Miller that read *A Christmas Gift from your hometown, Johnson, VT 1945*, 3) jewelry box marked *Landmark, Johnson, VT*, 4) tin bank from Sterling Trust, Johnson, VT (belonged to Hope Miller), 5) two Civil War books, 6) vinyl card holder marked *S. R. Miller & Son - telephone 46-2*, 7) Lamoille County Savings Bank & Trust cloth money bag.

Linda also received a picture of the Legislature which included Red Hooper and Florence Beard's father Representative Wanza donated by Bruce Beard, and pictures of the new Power House Bridge during its construction donated by Dorothy Stannard.

Linda also reported that she was successful in bidding on a Georgia Balch painting of a sugarhouse, which was previously owned by Bob McCuin and is in excellent condition.

Linda received a request from Chris Hadsel, who is leading the painted curtain project, *Curtains Without Orders* and is planning an event in Johnson. She has made contact with the VT Studio Center and asked if the Historical Society would like to participate. Those present were favorable to the idea of supporting a Fall event so Linda will follow-up.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Next meeting will be August 12th at 9 AM at the Holcomb House.

Meeting minutes recorded by Lois Frey, Secretary