

Johnson Historical Society Meeting
9 March 2016 at the Dr. Holcomb House

Present: Linda Jones, Alice Whiting, Dean West, Tom Carney, Jane Marshall, Frank Dodge, Lois Frey, Duncan Hastings (appointed to the Board of Trustees at the Select Board meeting on 3.7.2016,) Regrets: Jessyca West. Guest: Aggie West.

Linda Jones called the meeting to order at 9 AM. Review of the agenda had no changes.

Secretary's Report: **It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the minutes of February 10, 2016 as printed.**

Treasurer's Report: Tom Carney reported a balance of \$13,923.52 as of March 9, 2016.

Budget Report: Linda shared a Detail Transaction Report for July 1, 2015 to March 9, 2016 which she received from Rosemary Audibert. Copy filed with Secretary's Report.

Building Committee Report:

*Dean West & Tom Carney shared their concerns about the build-up of snow, ice and water in the area of the ramp and the back apartment door. The good news is no water entered the storage area. The ice is a significant safety issue which will need to be addressed as does the water problem. Building Committee will follow-up with Duncan.

*Tom will check with FairPoint to see if answering service is a part of the contract. If not, he will ask for an answering machine on Front Porch Forum.

*Dean suggested that grant funding be pursued to redo the front steps at a cost of about \$1,200.

Fundraising Report:

*Alice Whiting reported additional numbers for the membership campaign to date: 3 family and 1 individual renewals.

*Quilt raffle was successful raising \$2,400 with the winning ticket drawn at Town Meeting. The winner is Jean Locke of Waterville, VT.

Programs/Projects Follow-up:

Historical Society Webpage is getting closer to completion. Eliza Clancy at 3 W Promotions has all the documentation needed including the picture by Alexalee Nadeau of the rainbow over Johnson. Coming next is the training to maintain the site which will be done by Jessyca West.

Status of license for TNL food sales:

Mark Woodward has testified before the appropriate committee to request a word change to amend the definition of "occasional" in the Department of Health's rules on food service establishments. Duncan volunteered to follow-up.

Process for on-going acknowledgements:

In order to send appropriate thank you notes for items received by the Historical Society, Lois Frey requested that an email be sent to her with the name and mailing address of the donor as well as a list of what was donated.

Timeline for public access to building:

Following discussion it was decided that Memorial Day Weekend will be the date to start public access to the building with subsequent open hours on Thursdays from 9 to noon and Sundays from 1 to 4 PM and by appointment. Alice will create of list of potential volunteers from the membership information to get the task started.

Acquisitions:

No new items this month.

What's next?

1. Move the poster stand into the house for repair and painting as well as determining best location for display.
2. Build wooden shelves for the three display cases. Duncan has pine boards that may be used.

Next meeting will be held on April 13, 2016 at 9 AM at the Dr. Holcomb House. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Meeting minutes recorded by Lois Frey, Recording Secretary