

Johnson Historical Society Meeting
14 January 2015 at the Holcomb House at 9:00 AM

Present: Linda Jones, Jane Marshall, Dean West, Tom Carney, & Lois Frey. Regrets: Alice Whiting, 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 from December 10, 2014 as printed.

Treasurer Tom Carney reported a balance of \$16,415.21 in the Society's operating account.

Acquisitions: Linda reported receiving a Johnson High School (1967) baseball hat, shirt and a backburner warm-up shirt from Bill Perkins, who was in the last graduating class from Johnson High School. She also displayed four medicine bottles that were found in a soffit of the old pharmacy building and given to the Society by Gilles Lehouillier. A toy cannon which was found under the ramp during renovations at the Dr. Holcomb House is likely to have belonged to young Harold E. Holcomb and has been added to the collection.

Administration: All present decided that the Annual Town Report narrative should include a short history of the Dr. Holcomb House. Secretary will prepare the report.

Building Committee. Dean West reported progress is being made with structural improvements and the stairs to the apartment are in progress. The cost of the entry lift may prohibit its purchase requiring the building of a ramp instead. Those present encouraged Dean and Tom to pursue any options available to reinstate the lift, which is favored by the Board.

Fundraising Report:

Membership: No report due to Alice Whiting's absence.

Building Fund Committee:

Fundraising in the silent phase of the upcoming capital campaign is going well. Several advisers to the Funding Committee recommended that as the capital campaign gets underway, all Board members contribute to the Building Fund in any amount, large or small to show there is 100% support from the Society's Board of Directors. This was noted as standard practice when fundraising. Anyone who has not done so, please consider a donation to the Building Fund.

The Building Fund Committee is recommending to the Board that the cost for naming a room in the Dr. Holcomb House be as follows; Parlor, \$30,000; East & West Rooms,

\$25,000 each; dining room, \$20,000; kitchen, \$15,000; office, \$10,000; and foyer & galley, \$7,500 each. A recognition plaque will be placed in each room. Additionally, the names of all capital campaign donors, regardless of the amount of the donation will be placed on a plaque. Future donations would be recognized in JHS Annual Reports. Following discussion the Board approved the naming of the rooms plan with the addition that more than one name may be designated in a given room as long as the specified dollar amount is donated for each name.

Program Report: Winter Carnival will be held on February 21, 2015 from 10 AM to 2 PM at the Johnson Elementary School with leadership provided by the Recreation Committee. With Aggie West coordinating, those present planned the lunch based on the 2014 experience. Details will be sent to volunteers via email. A need for some venison was identified as venison stew has been a big hit. Tom will check the coffee pot to make sure it is working. Final assignments will be completed at the February 11th Historical Society meeting.

Other Business: Dean noted that the exit door from the parlor to the outdoors was blocked by a bicycle when he attempted to remove the Christmas tree. Jane volunteered to make a Fire Exit - Do Not Block sign.

Linda reported that the Johnson State College has volunteers to help when the moving project begins. She has the contact information.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be held on 11 February 2015 at 9 AM location to be determined based on construction considerations.

Meeting minutes recorded by Lois Frey, Secretary