

Johnson Historical Society Meeting
12 March 2014 at the Holcomb House at 9 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 AM.

It was moved, seconded, and approved to accept the meeting minutes from February 18, 2014 as printed.

Treasurer Tom Carney reported the Historical Society's balance to date at \$46,744.98.

Plans were made for the Historical Society's cookie treat at George Woodard's Our Town in Johnson on March 22, 2014. **Linda was authorized to pick-up paper towels and bottles of water at Cosco for the event.** Those present agreed to bake and bag cookies, the latter as a health precaution. Cookies and water will be available by donation.

Linda received an information request from Jeff Roemer in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, who is researching the Cristy family history. He sent a write-up from the 1980s along with his request for maps, documentation or links that support his write-up. It was noted that Joe Cristy built Emerson pianos from 1854-1858 including one for Sally Whiting. Linda plans to respond to the request.

Aggie West reported that she and Barbara Backus attended an information meeting to learn more about non-profits using Facebook. Barbara has considerable experience and volunteered to set up a Historical Society Facebook page and serve as our administrator. Thank you Barbara!

Linda reported that JoAnne continues to try to prod the IRS to complete the Society's 501C#3 application. She assured Linda and Dean that there is a written policy that under the current Town umbrella donations to the Historical Society are tax deductible. She is also 98% certain that at some point, the Society will receive its own non-profit status.

There was a brief update on the upcoming Fundraising meeting (3.19.2014) as the committee membership is being confirmed.

Linda attended the monthly Johnson Works meeting, giving them an update on the Society's work in progress and expressing a willingness to be a part of a town-wide Fall Festival, which they were suggesting as an activity for 2015.

There was a discussion on the potential work of volunteers with the suggestion that the Society create a list of tasks and identify who can help. Completing an inventory of

artifacts and other Society items is essential with a recommendation that items be inventoried as they come into the Dr. Holcomb House.

Dean West gave a building update.

Painting of walls is mostly done.

Keith Locke is expected anytime to complete the electrical work.

Doug Williams is presently laid-up with a health issue; but the bathroom plan is in progress.

Dean hopes the bathroom can be done before the flooring is laid.

Date of the energy audit is pending.

Dean is suggesting that the Society hire a master floor installer who is willing to accept help with the some of the non-skilled tasks from our membership.

Doug Williams is working on the bid to re-do the entry and Don's apartment.

Next regular meeting is Wednesday, April 9, 2014 at 9 AM.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Meeting minutes recorded by Lois Frey, Secretary