

Johnson Historical Society Monthly Meeting  
8 February 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the Holcomb House

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

Linda Jones called the meeting to order at 9 AM. Review of agenda produced several additions including discussion about the restored map, a grant support request, the attic key, and volunteers.

The minutes of the 11 January 2017 meeting were approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report: Tom Carney reported a balance of \$21,682.36.

Budget Report: Tom distributed a monthly budget report for review.

Administrative items:

- \*The new laptop computer is installed and is ready for use.
- \*The map being restored will be delivered to the Holcomb House on Friday afternoon.
- \*As a member of Johnson Works, JHS was asked to write a letter of support for a branding grant. It was determined that JHS was unable to state an economic development gain for our organization; therefore no letter will be prepared.

March 2017 House schedule: 3/2-Tom Carney, 3/5-Linda Jones, 3/9-Dean West, 3/12-Dean West, 3/16-Lois Frey, 3/19-Ed Raymond & Lynn Sibley, 3/23-Linda Jones, 3/26-not assigned yet, 3/30-Lois Frey.

Insurance Policy:

Linda checked with Brian Story to determine if additional insurance was warranted to cover the most recent art donations. He reported they were covered under the present policy. As the Historical Society collection grows a periodic review of the coverage would be in order.

Building Committee Report:

- \*The security system paperwork is in process. The smoke and fire protection will be connected in March. Cost to be determined.
- \*Electrician has installed the outlet for the dehumidifier and will do the storage room work in the Spring.
- \*The hasp on the attic door has been installed. One key is in the desk drawer and Don Garrett has the other one.
- \*Dean and/Tom will be sure to make Brian Story aware of the water damage on the ceiling tile in the kitchen.

Fundraising Report: No report

Program/Projects:

\*JES Class Visit to the Holcomb House on February 2<sup>nd</sup> was successful with the 6<sup>th</sup> grade youngsters receiving a historical perspective by JES Board members and Ann Mullins (Lamoille County Field Days) on the Wonders of Johnson which the class had identified earlier. Dean West will return to the classroom with follow-up information.

\*Clock Talk by Steve Engel – February 12<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM. Steve will talk about the history of clocks and give information on the pillar and scroll clock, the Seth Thomas clock, and the Town clock located in the tower of the Masonic Temple. He will also talk about any clocks that folks bring to the session. Volunteer cookie makers are Linda Jones, Aggie West, and Lois Frey.

\*Art Raffle – the idea of having an art raffle came from a recent Building Fund Committee. Following up Linda Jones and Alice Whiting met with Eric Tobin and Chuck Conger, who each donated art work for the raffle. Plans will be developed for the fundraising project.

\*Pie at Town Meeting – Linda Jones reported the plans for serving pie on March 7 are all set. The school house display will be freshened up for use at Town Meeting.

\*Johnson/JSC documentary – Vince Frankie is working on the tapes for the documentary project. Eric Kirk has an independent study student finishing up the geo-map.

Acquisitions:

\*Dean has arranged for the Historical Society to be the caretakers of a Georgia Balch painting of the St John's Church. The painting and acceptance paperwork has been received. Church officials also agreed to give its Knox box to the Historical Society when the church building is sold.

\*Barbara Backus donated a collection of pictures (circa 1976.)

\*Alice Whiting donated a picture of the Mudgett House on Stearns Street.

\*Bill Perkins donated two forks from the rubble when the Congregational Church burned.

\* Linda Jones donated two *Shutterfly* books that she created: 1) the Power House Bridge collapse and subsequent rebuilding project and 2) the reconstruction project at the Holcomb House.

\*Marian and Sid Nichols donated a Seth Thomas, 8-day clock, a copy of the Sterling, VT Book accompanied by a news article about the 2005 celebration of Sterling, and some pictures for our antique album.

Future Planning – none discussed.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned. Next Meeting: March 8<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM.

Minutes recorded by Lois M. Frey, Recording Secretary