

Johnson Historical Society Minutes for 12 July 2017

Present: Jane Marshall, Tom Carney, Linda Jones, Lois Frey, Dick Simays.

Regrets: Duncan Hastings, Frank Dodge, Dean West, Alice Whiting.

Linda Jones called the meeting to order at 9 AM.

Following review of the agenda there were no additions.

Linda welcomed Dick Simays to the Johnson Historical Society Board of Trustees.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the 14 June 2017 meeting were approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report: No report as the computers at the Municipal Building were not working.

Budget Report: No report.

Administrative items:

*Open House Host Schedule, August 2017:

August 03-Tom Carney	August 06-Dean West
August 10-Dick Simays	August 13-Linda Jones
August 17-Dick Simays	August 20-Lois Frey
August 24-Linda Jones	August 27-Ed Raymond & Lynn Sibley
August 31-Lois Frey	

*Update Insurance Policy: Ethan Merrill will appraise all the art and other components of the JHS collection on July 19th at 10:30 AM. Jane Marshall will advise Mark and Eddie at the Buggy Man that their services will not be needed at this time.

*C.H.Stearns Painting Restoration: In process.

*JHS Webpage – no information for renewal has been received to date .

Building Committee Report

*Front yard repair: The fix is a work in progress.

*Lighting fixture follow-up: Dean West's contact was not able to address the overhead lighting project; however he has some options for lighting above the map. In progress.

Program/Projects

*October 15, 2017 Program Ideas: Howard Coffin is offering a new program on the Civil War, which he offered to deliver in Johnson in the Fall if arrangements could be made. Lois Frey checked the Vermont Council on Humanities website and has a few questions to ask before pursuing this program, which would most likely require using the Lowe Lecture Hall. More to follow.

*Art Raffle: Tickets are being sold for the Eric Tobin painting at \$10 each. Thirty nine tickets were purchased at the Craftbury Antiquities and Craft Show on July 8th.

*Ruth Mould Paintings: Finalizing the long-term loan of art work is in process and will be completed after the art appraisal on July 19th.

*Review for Tuesday Night Live: With two weeks of sunny weather during the performance time, the JHS food sales are going well. Our volunteers are doing a wonderful job from making the tasty treats to helping with serving the food, as well as the set-up and take-down of the operation each week. There are about 40 volunteers who contribute regularly to making the JHS Food Booth at TNL a success. Thank you all!

It was decided that set-up for TNL tents and tables will take place at 1 PM rather than later in the afternoon to lessen the rush at 6 PM.

* Johnson/JSC documentary: Vince Frankie expects to have the documentary ready by the end of 2017. Eric Kirk continues to work on the tourist map-telephone app.

*JHS role with naming roads: Select Board Chair Eric Osgood responded to Linda's query stating he will place the item on the Board's agenda for clarification of the Historical Society's role in the naming process.

Fundraising Report: No report.

Acquisitions:

* A refrigerator from Sue and Tom Carney, not historical but helpful for cooling TNL water.

*Shelving from Decart, which was discovered by Dayton Baraw and picked-up by the JHS work crew. It will be painted and with its very wide shelves will be used in the storage room.

*A Johnson High School Trophy case, made in shop class by Phil Smith. Also, 26 trophies with many familiar names. Thanks to Johnson Elementary School and the Alumni Association for keeping this display in Johnson.

Other business:

*Tom is creating a back-up hard-drive for the Society's records. He requested up to \$50 to purchase the external hard drive housing package. **It was moved, seconded, and approved to allocate up to \$50 for the computer expense.**

*Tom has also listened to and cataloged each of the program tapes. He found flaws when playing two of the flash drives. He will report the problem to Amazon, where he purchased them.

*Tom received a request from Christina Holmes on behalf of Lamoille County Field Days for information about dairy farms in Johnson in earlier times. Tom and Linda will put together a picture display highlighting some of the many farms.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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

Minutes recorded by Lois Frey, Secretary