

Johnson Historical Society Meeting Minutes - 11 October 2017

Present: Dick Simays, Frank Dodge, Dean West, Duncan Hastings, Jane Marshall, Tom Carney, Alice Whiting, Linda Jones, & Lois Frey.

Linda Jones called the meeting to order at 9 AM.

Agenda was reviewed with one addition, purchase of gutters by the town.

The minutes of 13 September 2017 were approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report: Tom Carney reported a balance of \$21,402.48.

Budget Report : Following discussion a committee with with Linda, Lois, Duncan and Dean was appointed to prepare the estimated year end and 18-19 proposed Historical Society budget. October 26th at 9 AM was selected for the meeting at the Holcomb House.

Administrative items:

*Museum Archive Software Project: In process. It is okay to recycle the out of date software and instructions.

*Open House Host Schedule for November 2017:

Thursday

November 02 – Linda Jones

November 09 – Tom Carney

November 16 – Lois Frey

November 23 – Closed for Thanksgiving

November 30 – Alice Whiting

Sunday

November 05 – Dean West

November 12 – Dick Simays

November 19 – Lois Frey

November 26 – Ed Raymond & Lynn Sibley

*Update on Merrill Appraisal & Insurance: No report to date.

*Google Street View-Matt Parker – Following discussion Lois agreed to check on the availability and requirements for the program.

Building Committee Report

*Front yard repair & steps: Following discussion Duncan agreed to talk with Brian Story and Brian Krause to clarify the Historical Society's expectations for that repair.

*Lighting fixture follow-up: Dean reported that the light in the West Room has been installed but needs a small fix and he expects the second light to be installed by October 15th.

*Purchase of gutters: Following review of materials provided by Brian Story via Duncan, **it was moved, seconded and approved to recommend the Town purchase the shorter gutter priced at \$315.**

*Storage area: Dean has completed the sanding project. (Thank you Dean.) He has marked the floor where studs are for hanging items and identified areas where

molding is needed. Dean and Duncan will do the woodworking. The painting will take place when the paint is available. It was agreed to use either moss green or maple cream from the ReStore. Dean also noted that the night light by the storage room door attracts many bugs and now needs paint.

*For safety sake, Dean will double check the fire protections at the Holcomb House.

*Following a discussion about the future of the Holcomb House, **it was moved, seconded and approved to ask the Selectboard to begin conversations with members of the Historical Society about the options for the Holcomb House after the loan is repaid.** It was agreed that Dean and Duncan will represent the JHS at any talks.

Program/Projects:

*October 15th program: The agenda is set and details are in place. The chairs from the storage area will be washed and set in the Holcomb House on Thursday, October 12th at 9 AM. Cookies will be baked and Lois will provide apple cider.

*Jubilee – Buy Local program: Linda shared information about the 2017 Jubilee which will be held on Friday, December 1st. More to follow at November JHS meeting.

*Ruth Mould paintings: No insurance report to date.

*Johnson/JSC documentary: Expected date is the beginning of 2018.

*JHS role when town roads are being named: Topic remains on Selectboard agenda.

Fundraising Report:

*Membership: No change.

*Building Fund Committee: Next meeting is scheduled for October 18th at 8:30 AM at the Holcomb House. The annual letter will be prepared on that date as well.

*Art Raffle: Raffle tickets continue to sell and will be available until the drawing on October 15th at 3 PM.

Acquisitions:

*Dick Simays brought a flash drive with old pictures to the Holcomb House and the file was copied by Tom and returned to Dick.

*Bill Perkins donated a large talc rock (from his parent's home) which is a welcomed addition to the Talc Mine & Mill Collection.

*A thank you note was received from Ila Rankin thanking Linda and Dean for their help during her recent visit to the Holcomb House.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. Next meeting: 11.08.2017.

Minutes recorded by Lois Frey, Recording Secretary