

Johnson Historical Society Monthly Meeting
14 November 2018 at 9:00 AM at the Holcomb House

Present: Dick Simays, Dean West, Linda Jones, Jane Marshall, Lois Frey, Tom Carney, and Duncan Hastings.
Regrets: Alice Whiting & Frank Dodge. Guests: Kelly Vandorn & Aggie West.

Linda called the meeting to order at 9 AM with a review of the agenda. No additions made.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from 10 October 2018 were approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report: Tom reported a checkbook balance of \$19,161.56 with a reserve fund balance of \$25,073.89. Report was accepted as presented.

Budget Report:

*Duncan submitted an invoice for a \$36.95 for accessioning supplies for which he requested reimbursement. **It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the expense.** Tom will submit the paperwork to Rosemary.

*Following discussion the Annual Budget Committee (Dean, Linda, Duncan & Lois) agreed to meet on Wednesday, November 28th at 10 AM at the Holcomb House to prepare a draft budget for presentation at the December 12th JHS meeting after which the proposed budget will be sent to Brian Story.

Administrative items:

* Holcomb House Host schedule:

December 02: Dean West	December 06: Tom Carney
December 09: Duncan Hastings	December 13: TBA
December 16: Linda Jones	December 20: Lois Frey
December 23: Closed	December 27: Closed
December 30: Closed	

*Newsletter & membership letter: Linda shared a copy of the JHS newsletter prepared by Tyler Swenson, which will be mailed to the Johnson Historical Society members with the annual membership letter (in progress) scheduled for a November mailing.

Following discussion it was decided to look into sending the newsletter as an insert with a town mailing or a village electric mailing to be coordinated subsequent to sending the membership letter. Duncan volunteered to check at the Town Office for what options might be available.

*Special Friends of JHS: A nomination process for selection could include a written description of why folks are *special friends of the JHS*. Qualifications would include distinguished service to the organization and/or contributions to the base of historical knowledge of Johnson. Dean has language to clarify the intent of the Trustees which he will share at the December meeting. It was noted that an Honorary board member (as discussed at 10.10.2018 meeting) will be selected using the same process as the Special Friends category. Certificates will be awarded to each recipient and also filed in a notebook, which will be displayed at the Holcomb House.

*Accessioning progress: With thanks to Kelly Vandorn and Jacob Vandorn, the accessioning team accepted the donation of a larger screen for the computer and a camera specifically for use with the software program. Linda reported that the system will have a code number, appropriate descriptions, and a picture for each item in the collection. Redoing the entire collection will be a time consuming task so volunteers are welcome to join Linda,

Lois, Kelly and Duncan. New in-take forms are being used and must be completed by whoever accepts a donation. How to use the new form will be an agenda item for the December meeting.

*Recruiting volunteers: Expansion of the JHS volunteer team can take a variety of forms. Trustees will bring ideas and Alice will bring her volunteer list to the next meeting.

*Webpage: Luciana Swenson will take over maintaining the JHS webpage. She is presently working out access issues with Elisa Clancy and will then meet with Linda and Lois to continue the process. Thank you Luciana!

Building Committee Report:

*Duncan reported he has completed the mudding. It still needs to be sanded before painting.

The issue of insulation in two walls of the Carriage Room was raised. Some protection for the water pipes to the apartment is necessary, a task that should be addressed by the Town. Duncan will speak to Brian Story.

Programs/Projects

*Silent Auction: The Building Committee's silent auction has been set up at the Holcomb House with bidding available until 3 PM on December 16th. Promotion is via regular channels including Facebook, Front Porch Forum, News & Citizen, and word of mouth.

*Jubilee: Participation at the December 7th Holiday Jubilee will be from 4 to 7 PM. Jane volunteered to purchase a Christmas tree and Dick will provide the transport on December 1st with decorating starting December 2nd. Homemade cookies will be made by Linda, Jane, and Kelly. Lois will make hot mulled cider and coffee. Work shifts: will be Tom, Dick and Jane from 4 to 5:30 PM and Lois, Dean and Alice from 5:30 to 7 PM.

*December 16th program: Dr. Paul Rogers will talk at 2 PM at the Holcomb House.

*Future Program Planning: Linda reported that Andrea Blaisdell has volunteered to lead a handmade (small) quilt class or display a variety of heritage quilts. Two additional suggestions included block printing and chair canning. Lois will follow up.

Fundraising Report

*Linda reported that about \$16,000 remains to be raised to reach the capital campaign goal of \$300,000. Solicitations are on-going.

Acquisitions

*Bill Perkins donated a church hymnal which is inscribed: *Given in memory of Helen Holcomb by Dr. Lyndhurst P. Holcomb*. He also gave a coal shovel from the railroad and a bottle of talc powder.

*Bruce and Mary Beard donated seven picture postcards of Evelyn Hier and Floyd Ellsworth.

*Robert Mashia donated 1927 flood pictures in an album. His great grandfather was a Civil War soldier. Robert will visit Johnson next Spring.

*Kelly Vandorn and her son Jacob donated a computer screen and a camera to assist with the on-going accessioning project.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. Next regular meeting will be at 9 AM on December 12th.

Meeting minutes recorded by Lois Frey, Recording Secretary