

Johnson Historical Society Agenda-Monthly Meeting  
12 February 2020 at 9:00 AM at the Holcomb House

Present: Dick Simays, Alice Whiting, Kelly Vandorn, Mary Jean Smith, Duncan Hastings, Dean West, Linda Jones (10:30,) Tom Carney (10:45,) and Lois Frey.

Dick called the meeting to order at 9 AM. No additions were made to the agenda.

Secretary's Report: Lois noted a clarification correction to the minute's acquisition section from 8 January 2020. The change was approved and the minutes were accepted as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: Kelly reported a balance of \$25,916.91. It was noted there are funds available to conserve materials. It was decided to ask the Accession Committee to identify prospective projects and recommendations for the March 12, 2020 meeting. The Committee agreed to the task.

Budget Report: Budget Protocol – Code numbers. Kelly reported that she and Duncan worked with Rosemary and a new list of code numbers was established. Copies were distributed to all for future use.

Administrative items:

\*March 2020 House Host schedule:

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
01. Linda Jones	05. Tom Carney
08. Geoff Corey	12. Dean West
15. Duncan Hastings	19. Kelly Vandorn
22. Lynn Sibley	26. Dick Simays
29. Alice Whiting	

\*Web page: Mary Jean reported that Grant Harper will send an invitation to all regarding the new g-mail address. Individuals may sign-up to be a part of the JHS Account. Once all are signed-on Grant will conduct a training session.

\*Strategic Planning Update: Duncan reported that the Committee met with Jane Van Buren on January 29<sup>th</sup>. The minutes were sent to trustees and posted on the Town webpage. 1) It was decided to develop a community survey which Jane would post on her Survey Monkey on-line account and also send to JHS Facebook, JHS web page, and the Town of Johnson webpage. Hard copies will be made for distribution at Town Meeting on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and before that time, they will be available at the Municipal Building. The deadline for completion of the survey will be March 6<sup>th</sup>. Duncan agreed to gather the suggestions from committee members

and send them to Jane. He shared the JHS Community Survey, which was approved by those present. 2) Duncan shared the results of his poll for the strategic planning retreat with April 14th the selected date. The purpose of the retreat will be to discuss focus areas or *buckets* for which we will develop strategies and goals. They will include: JHS Sustainability and Relevance, Fund Development, Board Development and Governance, and Operations. Jane plans to contact by telephone a number of citizens identified by the committee to help her fine-tune the initial list of buckets.

\*Newsletter: No report needed at this time.

### Building Committee Report

\*Building Use Agreement Update: 1) Dick reported that the Building Use Agreement is in the appropriate format for signatures. He has signed it on behalf of the Johnson Historical Society. Linda will sign on behalf of the Johnson Historical Society Inc. and Eric Osgood will sign on behalf of the Town of Johnson. 2) Dean will prepare his in-kind contribution list and share it by email with JHS trustees.

\*Carriage Room tasks update: There was discussion about the electrical needs and the difficulty in getting an electrician to complete the task. Dean was given a couple of names to contact. **It was moved, seconded and approved to expand the electrical task list to include the installation of several more outlets.** Hopefully all the work can be done at the same time. Dean will coordinate.

### Program/Projects:

\*Sunday Talk: Alice reported that David Marvin will deliver a Sunday Talk on February 23, 2020 at 2 PM titled The Maple Industry: What Five Decades of Changes Have Meant to Butternut Mountain Farm. Set up will be on Thursday morning, February 20<sup>th</sup>. Dick requested helpers. Lois asked that the chairs be returned to the Carriage Room following the presentation on Sunday so that whoever hosts on the following Thursday is not left with the task.

\*Program Committee Report: Alice reported that the Program Committee has established (but not confirmed) a list of programs including an antique assessment program in April, the Hooper slides in May, a walking tour or garden party in June, and the Johnson schools panel in September. Future programs might include a history of the Johnson Pharmacy, a cemetery tour with a specific person highlighted, and all about Johnson State College.

### Fundraising Report:

\*Lois and Linda reported that the Town Meeting Committee requested JHS slices of pie and Alice's cake again this year. A few minutes were spent coordinating

who would contact whom and other administrative details for the March 3<sup>rd</sup> event.  
\*JHS Membership Letter Results: Alice reported that \$1,900 in donations to JHS Inc. were received with membership letters.

Acquisitions:

\*Linda shared the contents of a box of collectibles donated by Sid and Marion Nichols. She also reported that they loaned a large movie screen to the JHS for use when doing programs.

\*Alice donated a box of materials which were in her possession following the disbanding of the Oread Club. Included is a list of books purchased by the Oread Club for the Public Library 1917-1940, six copies of *Meeting to Music* dated 1933, and a scrapbook 1949-1950. It was noted that the Oread Club existed from the early 1900s and the ladies were the movers and shakers for many community projects.

\*Dean donated a large banner for St John the Apostle Catholic Church.

\*Sheila Cross donated three anniversary booklets for St John the Apostle Catholic Church and a *Workbasket* magazine, which highlighted yarn painting.

\*Lois reported that Kathleen E. Messier, Assistant Archivist for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington emailed a scan from *The Transcript* (April 1989) offering a history of the Johnson parish compiled by R. Marion Taylor. Kathleen also sent a paragraph with information about the church from 1865 through 2008.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Meeting minutes by Lois Frey, Recording Secretary