

Johnson Historical Society Monthly Meeting
14 December 2016 at 9 AM at the Holcomb House

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

Linda Jones called the meeting to order at 9 AM.

The agenda was reviewed with two additions: 1) a thank you request from Aggie West and 2) a valuable books discussion by Jane Marshall.

Secretary's Report:

The minutes of the 9 November 2016 meeting were approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report: Tom Carney reported a balance of \$20,182.04 as of 12.14.2016.

Budget Report:

The budget was reviewed with expenses highlighted since 1 July 2016. Duncan Hastings suggested that Tom ask Rosemary Audibert to provide a budget status report as well as the detailed transactions listing for ease of understanding by the Board members. Expenditures to date appear to be in order.

Administrative items:

*Computer: A computer with a 4-year support package has been ordered at a cost of \$828 plus an Office program at \$365 with a support package at \$99 annually. Also an Adobe package will be installed. The total cost is \$1,372, which is within the allocations previously approved.

*January 2017 Holcomb House schedule: The Holcomb House will be closed beginning December 22nd until January 5, 2017. The January hosting schedule is 1/05- Linda Jones, 1/08-Lois Frey, 1/12-Tom Carney, 1/15- Jane Marshall, 1/19- Alice Whiting, 1/22- Linda Jones, 1/26 – Lois Frey, 1/29 – Duncan Hastings. Dean West will present a talk on Johnson's Talc Mill and Mine on 1.15.2017 at 2 PM.

*An App for History: Linda plans to complete her picture project with Eric Kirk this week. The new app for history may be ready by the end of January 2017.

*Valuable Books: Following a discussion of potentially valuable books in the Society's Collection, Jane Marshall volunteered to review the inventory and recommend if any of the books should receive added security.

*Aggie West sent a report about the fine work accomplished by the Johnson Cub Scouts with Denise Sargent and arranged by Kent Stearns. They cleaned up the Holcomb House parking lot by raking lots of leaves and accumulated debris. A thank you will be sent by the Secretary.

Building Committee Report:

*Tom reported that the electrician was able to unplug the fan which is no longer needed. He will return to install an outlet by the exit door and one for the dehumidifier by the cellar door.

*With ice becoming a problem by the main entrance and snow shoveling needed periodically on the ramp, Duncan volunteered to get a bag of salt melt, a plastic container for storage and a steel shovel.

Fundraising Report:

*Membership: With the membership letter being mailed on 29 November 2016, Alice Whiting reported receiving \$525 in membership fees and \$525 in donations to date.

*Building Fund Committee continues to meet. With Jen Burton handling the Historical Society's webpage a donate button has been installed making it possible for supporters to use credit cards to make contributions, obtain a membership or to purchase copies of the Society's book at johnsonhistoricalsociety.org.

Program/Projects:

*A Talc Mill & Mine History will be presented by Dean West on 15 January 2017 at 2 PM at the Holcomb House.

* The Johnson/JSC documentary project is coming along.

Acquisitions:

*An acknowledgement will be sent by the Secretary to Alice Whiting for her contribution of a child's school desk and a drop-leaf kitchen table.

Future Planning:

Brainstorming generated a list of local business people who may be willing to discuss their role in Johnson's economic development and the history of their business at a Sunday History Chat. Businesses suggested were Manchester Lumber, Parker & Stearns, Butternut Mountain Farm, and the Woolen Mill.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Next meeting will be held on January 11, 2017 at 9 AM.

Meeting minutes prepared by Lois Frey, Recording Secretary