

Johnson Historical Society Monthly Meeting  
9 December 2015 - 9 AM at the Dr. Holcomb House

Present: Linda Jones, Alice Whiting, Jane Marshall, Dean West, Tom Carney, Frank Dodge, Lois Frey. Regrets: Jessyca West & Howard Romero. Guest: Aggie West.

Call to order: Linda Jones called the meeting to order at 9 AM.

Review agenda & make adjustments and/or additions: There were no additions made to the agenda as printed.

Review & approve minutes of 11 November 2015 meeting: **The minutes from the previous meeting were approved with the corrected spelling for Kenneth Neill.**

Treasurer's Report: **Tom Carney reported a balance of \$15,434.53 in the Historical Society account.**

Budget Report: Following discussion about the appropriate codes to use when spending or receiving money, **it was agreed to use the codes listed in the Town Budget approved by voters on March 3, 2015. The Secretary will send a copy of the Historical Society's section of the budget to the Trustees.**

Building Committee Report: Dean West is working with Keith Locke to get the motion light installed at the rear, west door. He has also alerted Duncan Hastings that the eave above the ramp by the main entrance needs attention to reroute water that builds up.

Fundraising Report:

Membership Campaign - Alice Whiting reported two new business memberships and one family renewal. A membership letter for 2016 will be prepared and sent out soon.

Building Fund Committee – The committee has received two donations in December.

Acquisitions: The Historical Society has received items with historic value from Rick Heath as well as from Jeff and Brenda Miller.

Programs/Project Follow-up:

Historical Society Webpage: Lois Frey reported that Elisa Clancy at 3 W Promotions has taken over the development of the webpage.

Quilt Raffle: Linda Jones reported that members have sold tickets at Lamoille Union

Craft Fair (11.14.2015), at the Johnson Holiday Jubilee (12.4.2015), and the Bishop Marshall Craft Fair (12.5.2015.) Tickets are also available at local stores and from Historical Society members.

Preview Open House for JHS members on November 29<sup>th</sup> brought more than 50 members to the Dr. Holcomb House for a first-view of the progress to date.

Johnson Jubilee on December 4<sup>th</sup> brought another 50 plus people into the House.

In recognition of the creation of the Bear Paw Quilt and the curtains she has made for many of the windows, **it was moved, seconded, and approved to give Andrea Blaisdell as five year family membership in the Historical Society.**

Other Business: Following discussion **it was moved, seconded and approved to purchase appropriate framing at A. C. Moore for the ink drawing of the Nye Block at a cost of \$144.07.**

Options continue to be prepared for the installation of a new security system in the building.

For future planning, it was agreed that a flower garden modeled after the one formerly grown by Mrs. Holcomb would be a historic addition to the yard. Also the Town Tree Board would like to plant a tree (with the help of school children) as part of Arbor Day at the end of April 2016. Because the present yard contains many underground pipes and wires, it was recommended that a site utility plan be developed before final approval is made for either project.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 13, 2016.

Meeting minutes recorded by Lois Frey, Recording Secretary