

Johnson Historical Society Monthly Meeting on 13 July 2016 - 9 AM

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

Linda called the meeting to order at 9 AM.

A review of the agenda called for the addition of two items: 1) History Walk & 2) Storage Unit.

The minutes of 8 June 2016 were approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report: Tom reported a balance of \$14,007.

Budget Report: Following review of the budget **it was moved, seconded and approved to make the \$1,500 in-lieu of rent payment to the Town of Johnson.**

Following discussion it was agreed to award the Beers Atlas Map project to the Newark restorer as approved at the June 8, 2016 JHD meeting.

Building Committee Report: Dean reported no progress on the screen door, eave trough, and front steps projects.

Two humidifiers have been set-up and are working in the storage area.

Dayton Baraw has a design and appropriate tools to build the shelves in the storage area. The work crew organized by Dean and Tom will clear the room once the supplies are purchased and the weather report promises at least two good days in a row.

Action Items:

The Dr. Holcomb House August Schedule and attendants is as follows:

Thursday, August 4 - Lois	Sunday, August 7 - Dean
August 11- Dean	August 14- Lois
August 18- Linda	August 21- Linda & Jane
August 25- Tom	August 28 - Tom

A proposed volunteer job description was reviewed with two additions made (attached.)

Tuesday Night Live Report: Aggie West reported a substantial increase in the number of pies made and sold since starting the project in 2007. The average number of pie sales in 2007 was nine pies and the average so far in 2016 is 20 pies plus Alice's cake.

Thanks to all the pie makers that make this success possible.

Following discussion it was decided that the pie display board for the JHS Capital Campaign will feature 10 slices of pie valued at \$30,000 each. Wording will include: *Help us fill-in the slices of pie* or something to that effect along with the title Johnson Historical Society Capital Campaign. Kate Wescott is designing the sign.

Lois read an email from Jessyca West stating she will add the hours of operation for the Dr. Holcomb House and the Tuesday Night Live schedule to the JHS webpage (www.johnsonhistoricalsociety.org); however due to her schedule she said she will no longer be able to serve as the JHS webmaster. The task requires a monthly check of the site and the addition of articles and/or pictures when available. The technology challenged JHS Trustees are looking for a volunteer. Contact Linda or Lois.

Linda shared the status of a number of acquisitions:

- 1) Maryellen Herold offered her mother's 1955 wedding gown. Linda will accept with the understanding that the dress may not be displayed for awhile.
- 2) The stove at the Public Library will be moved to the storage unit (Dean & Tom.)
- 3) A baby crib donated by the Mobbs family will be picked up by Dean.
- 4) Linda Jones donated a Johnson Beers Atlas map dated 1868 or 1878 (matted but not framed.
- 5) Bobbi Rooney donated a book of poems by the late Hayden Carruth.
- 6) Bob Sinclair donated a ledger book converted to a collection of newspaper articles and recipes by Mary Etta Crowell (1876.) He also donated a 1922 calendar, the year he was born; a recipe book, *Johnson Treasure of Recipes* by the Grange; and a certified biography of William Sinclair.
- 7) Linda Jewett donated a program from the Johnson Opera House, *A Play in Three Acts* dated 9.23.1921; a Mills Studio postcard of Johnson State Teachers College; a write-up about the Community League of Johnson; and two receipts, one from the bowling alley and one from the gym dated 1949.
- 8) Mildred Sargent donated a book of ration stamps (Waterville.)
- 9) Alice Whiting donated two postcards of the Scribner Bridge.
- 10) Bruce Beard donated a Train Box marked American Railway with A. C. Richards-Johnson, VT written on the side which may have been from the Glove and Hat Factory.
- 11) Linda Jones also donated a cabinet photo of Sumner Andrews; Bylaws for Johnson Village, 1934; graduation program dated 1930 Johnson High School; and from the Waterman Lodge a Directory (1898), Bylaws (1889), life membership receipt for Arthur Jones (1947); and an album of photos that she took when the yellow house on School Street was demolished on June 25, 2016.

The date and time for the History Walk in conjunction with the Sterling Market has not been confirmed by the new store manager.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Minutes recorded by Lois Frey, Recording Secretary