

Johnson Historical Society Monthly Meeting
9 November 2016 at 9 AM at the Dr. Holcomb House

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

Linda Jones called the meeting to order at 9 AM.

The agenda was adjusted to start the meeting with Eric Kirk's presentation.

Eric Kirk, who works at Johnson State College proposed a project that uses an I-Phone for a virtual tour of Johnson (similar to the recent walking tour led by Dean & Linda) using an app called Geo-Tourist. If the Historical Society provided the pictures and a write up for each, Eric would create and narrate the tour. The availability of the no-cost app would be promoted through social media.

The minutes of the 12 October 2016 meeting were approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report – Tom Carney had no report as Rosemary was tied up with the election on Tuesday.

Budget Report – The difference in totals from September to October 2016 remains to be clarified (both revenue and expenses) by the Treasurer as requested at the October meeting.

Administrative items –

*Computer: Duncan Hastings reported the town's technician Larry has been out sick for a couple of weeks but is now working on the specs for the Historical Society computer and will also check-out the laptop computer.

*December House schedule:

12/01-Thursday – Linda Jones	12/04-Sunday –Duncan Hastings
12/08-Thursday – Tom Carney	12/11-Sunday – Lois Frey
12/15- Thursday – Linda Jones	12/18- Sunday - Dean West
12/22- Thursday – CLOSED	12/25-Sunday - CLOSED
12/29- Thursday – CLOSED	

It was agreed that Thursday mornings would also be the Society's work day throughout the winter.

Building Committee Report:

*The sewer line has been repaired, replaced with clay pipe all the way to the house.

Brian Krause will provide a map to Duncan for the Historical Society files.

*Dean has suggested that the eave replacement be put on hold until Spring 2017.

*An electrician will be hired to install two outlets for the Shop, to disconnect the fan in the back wall, add an outlet in the kitchen area to plug in the dehumidifier, and install a switch to turn on the light inside the entry door.

*Tom will check-in with the Security System to schedule a maintenance visit.

*Dean and Duncan will follow-up with Roger Marcoux and/or Eben Merrill to discuss a direct connection to the Sheriff's Department.

Fundraising Report:

*Alice reported that she would prepare the 2017 membership letter starting on November 14th. The Building Fund Committee continues to meet.

Program/Projects:

*John Dennis will be the guest speaker delivering *A Child's Christmas in Wales* on December 11th at 2 PM.

* Window candles and a wreath on the door will serve as seasonal decorations.

If a Christmas tree is available, it will be decorated and set up in the parlor window.

*The Johnson/JSC documentary filming has been completed with Alice, Linda, Tom and Dean representing the Historical Society. The final product will be released by JSC during the Spring 2017.

Acquisitions:

*John Manley has loaned the Society a rocking chair formerly belonging to the Scott or Child's family (late 1800s) and a 12 gauge, double barrel shotgun made by Crown Arms Company, which belonged to John's grandfather Frank Manley.

*Pictures have been donated by Dayton Baraw, a miniature button hook by John and Melanie Dennis, 21 Johnson postcards by Jane Clark of Morrisville, a DVD about the Talc Mill and Mine and a *History of the United Church* by Howard Hill (1974) from Bill Perkins.

*Dean has a section of rusty rail from the Talc Mine.

*Tom and Dean will pick-up a drop leaf table from Alice Whiting.

Future Planning;

Following discussion, all agreed to support Eric Kirk's Geo Tourist proposal the basis of which will be the materials developed by Linda and Dean for the recent village walking tour.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned. Next meeting is December 14th at 9 AM.

Minutes recorded by Lois Frey, Secretary