

Johnson Historical Society Monthly Meeting - 12 October 2016 - 9 AM

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

Linda Jones called the meeting to order at 9 AM.

Review agenda & make adjustments and/or additions: Three items for discussion were added including: 1) a potential historical app, 2) a question from Rosemary regarding a Lamoille Solid Waste District bill, and 3) follow-up on weathervane project.

The minutes of 14 September 2016 were reviewed with several clarifications indicated. All were approved and the minutes were accepted with the clarifications.

Treasurer's Report:

*Linda reported a balance in the checking account of \$14,902.85 based on a report she received from Rosemary Audibert on 10.12.2016. Following discussion about the significant difference in totals from September 2016, it was agreed by all that the Treasurer meet with Rosemary to clarify the budget (both revenue and expenses.)

***Following discussion it was moved, seconded and approved to direct the Treasurer to work with Rosemary to transfer the annual utility payment (\$1,000) to the Town account.**

Budget Report: The question raised by Rosemary about an invoice from the Lamoille Solid Waste Management District was clarified by Duncan Hastings. The materials in question from the JHS fall into the brown goods category which by agreement between the Town and LSWMD can be dropped off at no charge. Duncan signed-off on the bill as per the agreement.

JHS Board of Trustee members will be on duty at the Dr. Holcomb House according to the following schedule:

November 3, Dean; November 6, Dean; November 10, Duncan; November 13, Linda; November 17, Alice; November 20, Lois; November 24, Closed for Thanksgiving; and November 27, Lois. Other volunteers are welcome to join the lead host on any date.

Building Committee Report: Dean reported no word yet on the gutters or the date for the sewer line installation.

Projects: Linda met with Eric from JSC, who has information about a telephone app that might be useful to JHS. With approval from those present, Linda will invite him to attend the November 9th meeting to discuss his potential project.

Fundraising Report:

*Membership: Alice Whiting reported no new memberships.

*Capital Campaign Kick-off: Alice reported all is set for the event on Sunday, October 16th at 2 PM. George Pearlman received permission from Maplefields for JHS guests to park in their lot on Sunday if more space is needed.

*Kate Westcott generated \$350 in expenses for creating the Pie Chart. She also donated 40 hours of labor. Lois Frey paid Kate for the costs and requested reimbursement from the JHS. **It was moved, seconded and approved to reimburse Lois Frey \$350 from the fundraising category of the budget.**

Acquisitions:

*Following the last meeting, Linda authorized Dean and Duncan to meet with Gary Clark at the Vermont Studio Center to follow-up about the weathervane on top of the Lowe Lecture Hall after checking-in with the Select Board. They met with Gary Clark and George Pearlman on September 30th. Gary is favorable to a replacement weathervane, perhaps created at VSC. **It was moved, seconded, and passed to have Duncan represent JHS to facilitate the removal and storage of the weathervane.**

*Gary and George also showed Dean and Duncan a hand-forged weathervane (date to be determined) that has been stored in the tower at the Lowe Lecture Hall. They not only donated it to the JHS; but also moved it to the Workshop at the Dr. Holcomb House.

*Sony Demars donated a Georgia Balch painting, which is believed to be the home of Alice Baylor on Clay Hill which is no longer standing.

*David Grant has spoken to Alice about a Civil War piece that was found within his home. It was suggested that Dean and Tom visit with David to determine how to handle the delicate artifact.

Future Planning: Aggie West suggested that the workshop north wall could use a coat of paint on the sheetrock before any shelves or hooks get installed. Dean will check if any primer and paint remains from the interior painting. All agreed it would be a good task complete before it gets too cold.

A thank you note from Aggie West to the Board of Trustee members who helped with Tuesday Night Live was circulated.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Next meeting is scheduled for November 9, 2016 at 9 AM.

Minutes recorded by Lois Frey, Recording Secretary