

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

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

Linda Jones called the meeting to order followed by a review of the agenda with one addition by Aggie West re: TNL excess hot dogs.

Secretary's Report: **It was moved, seconded, and approved to accept the minutes of September 9, 2015 as printed.**

Treasurer's Report: Tom Carney reported a balance of \$16,159.87 which includes the reserve fund balance.

Budget Report: Budget report through 10.13.2015 is attached to minutes on file. Following discussion **it was agreed that the Acadia Book Company royalty checks should be mailed to the Historical Society rather than being direct deposited.** After viewing the antique telephone secured by Linda at a recent auction, **it was moved, seconded, and approved to reimburse Linda the added \$20 cost (above the previous allocation.)**

Building Committee Report:

\*Utility payment to town – Duncan Hastings is working on a revised spreadsheet to cover the JHS share of utilities. Payment will be incorporated as rental fee. Building Insurance will be recorded separately.

\*Dean and Duncan inspected the water problem in the workshop area. An eve will be installed along the troublesome area, which should fix the problem.

\*Much of the green overspray has been cleaned following the roof painting; but the result is not satisfactory. The roofer has not been cooperative in addressing the workmanship problems. Unfortunately payment was made before there was a final inspection.

\*JHS members have been moving the society's collection from storage to the Dr. Holcomb House, a task which is completed except for a few items still at members' homes. Dean and Tom have handled the major "fix it" tasks while Alice, Linda, Aggie, Jane, and Lois have been sorting, cleaning, and arranging the artifacts. Martha Corey has been cleaning pictures at her home. Progress is being made.

\*The electrician installed a light in the storage closet and a grounded outlet in the office.

\*Following discussion about building security, Frank suggested consideration of an upgrade to the security system to include some internal cameras. Frank agreed to do research to learn about the most current system suitable to the JHS needs.

\*Tom has turned off the outside water and checked the outside lighting. Bulbs for the flood light to the parking lot and the front porch light will be replaced.

**\*Following discussion, it was moved, seconded, and approved to name the room added to the back of the building, the Workshop and to ask the Building Fund Committee to assess a donation amount to name the area.**

#### Acquisitions:

\*Responding to a request by Jeff Miller, Tom and Dean will check-out the safe which Jeff will donate to the Historical Society.

\*As noted earlier, Linda purchased an antique telephone in excellent condition.

\*Nancy Jewett donated Community Fair & Carnival booklets dated 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1946, and 1949. She also donated town reports dated February 1891, 1894, 1896, 1897, 1899, 1927 and January 1929 & 1930 and a 1915 School Directors' report.

\*Linda received a Georgia Balch painting in memory of Marvin Sinclair donated by his daughters Rebecca Nelson, Deborah Carver, and Cynthia Townsend.

\*From JHS 5-year storage, some excellent photos donated by Ramona McCuin include: the float built by Eastern Magnesium Talc commemorating the flag raising at Iwo Jima, which won first place in the Morrisville 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade (circa 1949) plus four pictures, date unknown of a parade on Pearl Street with one with the color guard, band members and 4-Hers, two with decorated trucks carrying 4-H youngsters, and one with kids walking cows across the bridge.

#### Programs/Project Follow-up

\*Historical Society Webpage-Lois is working with Krystal Goff at 3W Promotions.

\*Small & Inspiring Grant proposal did not receive funding.

\*Quilt Raffle continues with members planning to participate at the Lamoille Union Craft Show on November 14<sup>th</sup> and the Bishop Marshall Show on December 4<sup>th</sup>. Raffle tickets are available at local stores and from JHS members.

#### Future Planning:

The Johnson Jubilee is scheduled for December 4<sup>th</sup>. JHS plans to be open for the event; although it will not be the official opening of the Dr. Holcomb House.

#### Other Business:

Following discussion it was decided to freeze one box of McKenzie hotdogs for use at Winter Carnival and to sell the remaining hot dogs at cost.

\*Following discussion about display systems for exhibit, Aggie agreed to obtain information about the wall-hanging system used at the Concord VT Historical Society.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned. Next meeting is Wednesday, November 11, 2015 at 9 AM.

Minutes recorded by Lois M. Frey, Secretary

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