

Johnson Historical Society - 9 September 2015 - Dr. Holcomb House

Present: Linda Jones, Dean West, Alice Whiting, Jane Marshall, Frank Dodge, Tom Carney, Lois Frey. Regrets: Jessyca West, Absent: Howard Romero.
Guests: Aggie West, Amy Thompson.

Linda Jones called the meeting to order at 9 AM.

The agenda was reviewed with the addition of two funding requests & the introduction of Amy Thompson.

Long-time resident Amy Thompson delivered a set of depression glass dishes for the Historical Society's collection. She shared stories about the history of collecting the dishes and interesting facts about Johnson.

It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the minutes of August 12th as printed.

Treasurer's Report – No report available.

Budget Report – Complete Tuesday Night Live data not available.

Following discussion, **it was moved, seconded and approved to authorize Linda Jones to bid at an upcoming auction on a crank telephone, not to exceed \$200.** Following discussion, **it was moved, seconded and approved to continue membership with Johnson Works and to pay the \$110 fee.** Linda will follow-up.

Building Committee Report – Dean West reported that the inside repair work at the Holcomb House is complete except for needing a new outlet in the office. The roofer will fix the over-spray on the outside during the week of September 9th.

Utility costs for FY15-16 – Following discussion, **it was moved, seconded and approved to see if the town will accept the amount of our original cost estimate for utilities (about \$1,800) for FY 15-16.** Dean will follow-up.

Dehumidifier request – Frank Dodge offered the use of a dehumidifier located at his home for use in the work/storage area. Dean offered to pick it up. Thank you Frank.

Historical Society Webpage – Lois Frey reported that she and George Pearlman have initiated the process to set up a Johnson Historical Society webpage. Our Wordpress

site is <http://johnsonhistoricalsociety.org>. Jessyca West is willing to help with maintaining the site once set up and will attend a training to be scheduled with Krystal Goff at 3W Promotions in the near future. The one-time cost is \$175.81. **It was moved, seconded and approved to reimburse Lois Frey \$175.81 for the payment to 3W Promotions LLC.**

Fundraising Report:

Membership – No new memberships

Building Fund Committee – Alice Whiting, Linda and Lois are working with Jon Gregg on a capital campaign brochure.

Acquisitions – Linda reported that Midge Parkhurst has a Nina Hooper painting that she plans to donate to the Historical Society.

Tim Goodheart has old newspaper, *The Meteor* published in Johnson in the 1800s. He has the original and a copy.

Frank Dodge donated two copies of *The Johnsonian*, one each from 1947 & 1949.

Program/Project Follow-up

Tuesday Night Live Follow-up – Aggie West reported that 161 pies were baked by volunteers and sold at Tuesday Night Live. The weekly sales totals came to \$3,747.35 (which included hotdogs & salads on three weeks) plus \$15 from the bottle deposit returns.

Curtains Without Borders Program – October 4th will be held at the Lowe Lecture Hall starting at 3 PM. We can have cookies & cider in the lobby with our donation jar. Lois will check with Jessyca West to see if she will record the program.

Future Planning – Should the Historical Society get licensed to sell salads & hotdogs at Tuesday Night Live in 2016? Dean volunteered to gather the information from the Health Department to make an informed decision and to talk with Richard Westman and Mark Woodward to seek their assistance in clarifying the state requirements that must be met by non-profit organizations.

A few potential program ideas were suggested including: A Quilt Talk by Lynn Sibley, a program on wood carving by David “Hank” Cahill, Maple Spouts by Carl Lumbra, and Conversation Circles with any number of our local residents like Amy Thompson, who have history to share.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Minutes recorded by Lois Frey, Recording Secretary