

Johnson Historical Society Meeting
9 April 2014 at the Holcomb House at 9 AM

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

Linda Jones called the meeting to order at 9 AM.

It was moved, seconded, and approved to accept the meeting minutes from March 12, 2014 as printed.

Treasurer Tom Carney reported the Historical Society's balance to date at \$47,022 of which \$22,000 is committed to the Building Fund. **Treasurer's Report accepted.**

Linda reported on the historical items identified since the last meeting:

*William Mehlman, grandson of Frederick Mehlman has letters which he will donate to the Society. Frederick was a nephew of W. E. Tracy.

*Laurie Persico will store the pharmacy items that she is donating until the House is ready. She also has a rank.

*Chris Parker has an old Atlas that was his mother's.

*Margaret Dary has a wool cape, curtains, and a class ring.

Linda has made contact with the Morman missionaries, who are willing to work on any kind of projects. It was suggested that they be asked to relocate the new flooring. Linda agreed to make the arrangements for the project which is estimated to take less than two hours. The Morman Church has a data base that is available for use by the public at the church. The Elders rotate every 3 to 4 months but all are willing to do community service.

Dean West reported that Chuck Conger has collectibles from his grandmother that the Society may have including (he thinks) a picture of the Tub Shop.

Lea Kilvadyova invited the Historical Society to have a site on the town's webpage. **All agreed it would be a good idea to participate on the webpage and include minutes and a link to the Society's Facebook page.** Lois Frey will follow-up with mission statement and minutes.

At the Johnson Works meeting, Leila Bandar said that she has talked to John Lord about some of the Julian Scott collection being housed at the Historical Society.

Linda reported that the 501C3 designation is still pending with the IRS.

Dean reported on the Building Committee progress:

*Duncan Hastings, Doug Williams, and Howard Romero have plans for the entry and apartment ready.

*Keith Locke has completed some of the lighting projects. The tract lights have been ordered. Wiring for the reconstructed bathroom is pending the final plan. Keith will add a wire to the circuit box to reach the sump pump in the basement.

*Town is working on new leases for the tenants.

*Brian has replaced the Holcomb door, which is presently at Dean's awaiting some restoration work. Dean volunteered to remove the green paint & return to the old finish.

*Doug William's spec preparation work is almost done completing bids for entry, small apartment, and roof. **It was agreed that a dark green color for the standing seam room would be appropriate.**

***Tom Carney reported that Paul Dube suggested taking off the heavy cap on the top of the chimney and replacing it with a cap made specifically for the liner. All agreed.**

*Tom reported the car stored in the garage will be removed by the owner by May 1st.

*Dean has prepared for review a draft agreement for the Select Board and Historical Society for long-term ownership of the Dr. Holcomb House.

*Dean needs help to put face of heaters back in place.

Tom reported that Acadia Publishing Company is holding a \$6.33 royalty payment until the amount reaches \$20.

Tom and Linda will visit Ken Weightman who has a Hoosier cabinet, a donut mixer, some two foot wide floorboards and copies of pictures of Ken's house and mill.

Don Garrett has a Sterling Trust money bag for the Society.

Dean and Aggie West shared their list of potential folks for a Remembrance Book of past residents of Johnson, people who were a part of the development of Johnson. It will be an archival book also used to raise funds for the Society. The list is presently 150 people/families with the potential to add more. Following discussion, it was decided that the Remembrance Book list is not the one that will be used for the Capital Campaign Significant Donor list. Alice Whiting and Lois Frey will meet to create the Donor list for the 4.14.2014 Capital Campaign meeting using the Remembrance list, primarily the business section to generate some names.

Next regular meeting is Wednesday, May 14, 2014 at 9 AM.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Meeting minutes recorded by Lois Frey, Secretary