

Johnson Historical Society Meeting
13 August 2014 at the Dr. Holcomb House at 9 AM

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

Linda Jones called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

The agenda was reviewed with approval granted for a short presentation by Deanna French and Tom Ledoux.

Deanna French and Tom Ledoux, co-authors of *Spunky Lamoille's Boys in Blue, 1861-1865* have secured permission to use a copy of a pencil drawing of the Scott homestead by Julian Scott in their up-coming book and at the same time they requested permission to make a copy for the Johnson Historical Society. They delivered a copy of the 8 ½ x 10 ½ pencil drawing, which is an excellent addition to the Society's collection.

It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the minutes from July 9, 2014 as printed.

Treasurer Tom Carney reported a balance of \$12,478 as of 8/13/2014. **It was moved seconded and approved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented.**

Acquisitions

*A print of the Julian Scott homestead on Main Street was donated by Deanna French & Tom Ledoux.

*David "Hank" Cahill donated a hand carved walking stick, *American Spirit*, which he carved from a young maple tree. It will be used as a raffle item at a future fundraising event.

*Rebecca A. Crone, Mesa, Arizona donated some writings by Ruth Hutchins titled, *I Am It*. Also included in the package were several property deeds related to the Hutchins property and signed by Town Clerk, Roger Richards.

*Diana Duba Lanphear plans to donate her copy of the *Pledge* signed by many during World War II. The one she will donate is dated May 27, 1942.

*Some of the Ruth Molde paintings, owned by Johnson State College will be available for future use by the Historical Society according to Margo Warden. Alice Whiting will coordinate with President Barbara Murphy.

*Andre Nadeau will donate in the future a railroad survey map from the Lamoille River past the Lehouillier's property. It is about 2 by 3 feet.

Building Committee Report

Dean and Tom had no changes to report. A new project manager has not yet accepted the position. They plan to follow-up on specific work tasks with Gilles Lehouillier and others. Duncan has arranged for the town's mowing contractor to include the Dr. Holcomb House property.

Fundraising

Aggie West reported that Tuesday Night Live continues to generate a good sales response; although the hotdog sales are lower than in past years due to the presence of another hotdog vendor on the field. It is the support from bakers and cooks that makes it possible for the Society to earn an average of \$506 weekly. Additionally the building fund donation jar is bringing in an average of \$27 weekly. The generous donation of six boxes of McKenzie hotdogs will be a big help to the final tally.

Building Fund Committee

Alice Whiting reported that the Building Fund Committee continues to pursue avenues for fundraising. Requests to the banking community are being prepared by committee members.

Update Johnson Historical Society, Inc. (501.C3)

The initial meeting of the Johnson Historical Society, Inc. was held on July 28, 2014 at the Dr. Holcomb House. As reported by Recording Secretary of the Johnson Historical Society, Inc., Lois Frey *the mission of the Society, Inc. is to conduct fundraising to support the Johnson Historical Society and to carry out the exempt purposes of the Society Inc.*

Other Business - One more thing items:

- *Save the date, October 8th AM for a window washing party.
- *Dick Simays and Ed Raymond have volunteered to help anytime.
- *Sue Carney has volunteered to help with cataloging the collection.
- *Andrea Blaisdell would like to move the lilies from the walkway to in front of the porch. All agreed to the change.
- *An interview conducted with Ken Weightman as a school project, recorded on VHS has been converted to DVD by Lynn Sibley and Ed Raymond.
- *It was suggested that a historical presentation at the Lowe Lecture Hall followed by site visits to the Dr. Holcomb House might be a good activity during the October 12th weekend.
- *Thanks to Bob Sweetser and the American Legion, a new flag will fly at the Dr. Holcomb House and the old flag will be burned.

Next regular meeting is Wednesday, 8 October at the Dr. Holcomb House at 9 AM.

Meeting minutes recorded by Lois Frey, Recording Secretary