

Johnson Historical Society Meeting
10 June 2015 at the Holcomb House at 9:00 AM

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

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

The agenda was reviewed with two additions: 1) tending the rosebush and 2) request for additional funding support for Dr. Holcomb House renovations.

It was moved, seconded, and approved to accept the meeting minutes of May13, 2015 as printed.

Treasurer's Report: Tom Carney reported a balance of \$17,688.46 in the Society's operating account.

Budget Report: Tom reported the cost for the developing the galley is \$2,063, which includes materials and electrical work. **It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the galley expense (\$2,063) for materials and labor allocated to category #63.**

Requests for memberships:

*Following discussion **it was moved, seconded and approved to support the request from the Vermont Historical Society for annual membership dues of \$50 allocated to category #22.**

*Following discussion **it was moved, seconded and approved to deny the membership request from the American Association for State and Local History.**

Building committee Report:

*Dean West introduced an e-mail request from Duncan Hastings detailing the overrun costs from Gilles Lehouillier (\$3,531.21), which Duncan will take before the Select Board on June 15th. He asked for feedback from JHS. **Following discussion, it was moved, seconded and passed to offer the Select Board a one-time payment of \$1,500 to help with the overrun costs.**

*Tom reported that he has arranged for the Society's alarm system to be delivered to him. Once inventoried he will request a bid for any needed replacement parts and installation from the company in Williston that took over Doug Cheney's business.

*Dean reported that Gilles Lehouillier has volunteered to do the floor leveling needed before installation of the new floor. With our local floor installer too busy

to take on the job, a number of potential installers were suggested. Dean and Tom will follow-up.

Fundraising Report:

*Membership: Alice Whiting had no additional memberships to report.

*Building Fund Committee: Lois Frey reported the receipt of a \$1,508 grant from the John M. Bissell Foundation, Inc. for audio-visual equipment including a document camera, a multimedia projector, dual vision projection screen.

Review Policy Statements:

Following discussion, **it was moved, seconded and approved to accept the JHS Acquisition and Donation Policy and the Loan Policy as presented:**

JHS Acquisition & Donation Policy

- 1) Donated items must be related to the mission of the Johnson Historical Society and be distinctive to Johnson.**
- 2) Items must be of exhibition quality, fit within the storage capacity of the Dr. Holcomb House, and not require on-going maintenance.**
- 3) If an item does not meet the specifications of #2, the Historical Society will appreciate photographs with a written description of the artifact.**
- 4) The Historical Society will scan photographs and documents when the donor prefers to keep the original document.**
- 5) A JHS Deed of Gift must be completed by the donor for any donated item.**
- 6) In-coming Loans will be accepted with completion of a JHS Loan Agreement, which specifies the start and end dates for the loan.**

JHS Loan Policy

- 7) While the Historical Society will not loan-out materials, members will accommodate research requests at the Dr. Holcomb House.**

Discussion for **the Building Use Policy** generated the following policy, which was **moved, seconded and approved:**

JHS Building Use Policy

- 8) The portion of the Dr. Holcomb House, which is under the auspices of the Johnson Historical Society, will be open to the public according to a schedule determined by the Board of Trustees; otherwise it will not available for public use.**

Yard Sale – June 26 & 27:

The JHS Yard Sale will be held on Friday, June 26 from 8 AM to 5 PM with volunteers being asked to work either 7:00 AM (set up) to 12:30 PM or 12:30 PM to 6:00 PM (cover up & or store) and on Saturday, June 27 from 7 AM (set up) to 11 AM or 11 AM to 3 PM (take-down.)

Tuesday Night Live:

Following discussion about the cost of ingredients, it was agreed by all to increase the sale price of pie/cake to \$3.00 per slice and hotdogs to \$2.50. Other items will remain the same as last year. Aggie passed-out a sign-up sheet for volunteers to provide supplies.

At a recent Select Board meeting, there was a discussion about maintenance at the Evergreen Ledge Cemetery with Duncan Hastings being asked to see if the JHS had an interest in taking on the task.

Following discussion, it was decided that the Board of Trustees do not have the time available to do the additional community service, which would be needed to adequately do the job.

Acquisitions:

Dean and Linda picked up a baby crib, which likely belonged to Sybil Sweet and was used when Phyllis Jewett was a baby. The crib was donated by Gloria & Robert Mobbs.

Pam Witherell is working on getting a Johnson maple sap bucket washer for the JHS.

Sydney and Marion Nichols delivered a box of collectibles, which included a pair of snowshoes with the last pair of bindings attached by Hubert Beard.

Bruce and Mary Beard dropped off a number of yard sale items and a mitten dryer from Evelyn Ellsworth's house.

Dick Cross has a mowing machine to donate, which the Board members decided would be too large for use or storage at the Dr. Holcomb House; however they would appreciate photographs with a written description of the artifact and its use in Johnson.

Linda reported that Jan Perkins requested the Board of Directors provide the dessert for the retirement party for Steve Smith on July 15th at 2 PM. Dessert, but not pies, will be provided.

Dean has received an estimate for re-doing the front steps on the Dr. Holcomb House. The \$1,100 cost fits into the Small and Inspiring Grant Program of the Vermont Community Foundation. Lois will follow-up.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Next meeting will be July 8th at 9 AM at the Dr. Holcomb House.

Meeting minutes recorded by Lois Frey, Secretary