

Johnson Historical Society Meeting
June 11, 2014 at the Dr. Holcomb House at 9 AM

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

Linda Jones called the meeting to order at 9:15 AM.

It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the minutes from May 14, 2014 as recorded by Linda Jones.

Treasurer Tom Carney's report is attached. Income received included a membership from Leslie Crisp Martin (\$25) and a Building Fund donation from Cornelius & Laura Heijn (\$50).

It was moved seconded and approved to accept the Treasurer's report as printed.

Linda reported that she has received a letter from the IRS stating that the Johnson Historical Society is exempt from Federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to the Johnson Historical Society, Inc. are deductible under section 170 of the Code. The Society is also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106, or 2522 of the Code. The IRS determined the Society is a public charity under code section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). The effective date of the exemption is June 21, 2013. It is recommended that Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501 (c) (3) Public Charities be reviewed for some helpful information about the Society's responsibilities as an exempt organization.

Raffle reports included three donations for future raffles: a Georgia Balch painting contributed by Chuck Conger (Linda), a sculpture created by Nick Anger (Jane), and 2 ski chairs made by Barney McLean (Aggie).

Linda distributed tickets for VT History Expo to those covering the event on June 21 & 22.

Tuesday Night Live will begin on July 8th. Aggie suggested more volunteers at the booth would be helpful. Pam Locke has volunteered. Lois will ask Judy Beard if she has time to help serve. Following discussion, it was decided that pie makers will be offered a receipt for tax purposes for their pie contributions (value to be determined) at the end of the summer.

Aggie requested & received items for the event: paper towels, Linda; aluminum foil, Jane; garbage bags, Alice, masking tape, Lois; hot water & soap, Linda; prepared money box, tablecloths, & index cards, Lois; hot dog rolls, Tom & Jane. Other notes: Linda will not be available August 26th. Lois will request a key to the yellow house from JES. Lois has sent a donation request to McKenzie Country Classics for hotdogs.

Following discussion, **it was moved, seconded and approved to purchase a 4 foot folding table for use at TNL.** (Aggie will check availability at Cosco.)

The Fundraising Committee is recommending a 3-year Capital Campaign from the time when the drive is announced. They also suggest that a banner announcing the **new home of the Johnson Historical Society be installed at the front of the building.** Suggestions added to the silent phase of the fundraising activity include Jeff Miller, Insurance (Lois & Dean) and TD Bank, (Alice).

Building Committee reported that Duncan sent bid specifications to a list of companies provided by Parker & Stearns, which included 7 - 9 local businesses. The bids are due Monday, June 16th. To date only a South Burlington firm and Dana McKnight of Johnson have requested site visits. Project Manager, Doug Williams is being treated and may or may not be able to continue with the project.

The chimney is restored at a cost of \$1,850.

The village & town crew will do excavating work at the Home. They may also be asked to help with siting in the front yard and mounting for safety the mill wheel.

Tom reported that the Society's CD at the Union Bank matures on June 17, 2014. **It was moved, seconded and passed to cash-in the \$31,346 CD and place the money in the Society's reserve fund for the building project.**

Linda and Dean met with Howard Manosh, who made a pledge to the Building Fund to honor his many Johnson employees, who have worked with him during his many years in business.

Linda received information from Charmane Ray promoting a new document service for microfilm. (See attached on file.)

Linda will be receiving items from William Mehlman during the week of June 16th. Included will be tools, 3 poster-sized copies of Georgia Balch works, pictures, a W.E. Tracy sign, and a 1898 Lamoille County Atlas.

Following discussion, **it was moved, seconded and approved to reimburse Linda \$42.46 for binders and archival sleeves**, which she purchased at Cosco.

Dean received a telephone message from David Stackpole that stated he had 2 side chairs & 1 other chair from the Nye Block and a Ruth Mould foliage landscape painting done in 1930 as a wedding gift to his parents. Dean will follow-up.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.

Next regular meeting is Wednesday, July 9th at the Dr. Holcomb House at 9 AM.

Meeting minutes recorded by Lois Frey, Secretary