

Johnson Historical Society Minutes for 9 August 2017

Present: Duncan Hastings, Dean West, Linda Jones, Jane Marshall, & Lois Frey.

Regrets: Frank Dodge, Alice Whiting, Tom Carney, & Dick Simays. Guest: Aggie West

Linda Jones called the meeting to order at 9 AM. There were no additions or adjustments to the agenda.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the July 12, 2017 meeting were approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report: Duncan Hastings (reporting for the Treasurer) reported a balance of \$20,058.18. **It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the Treasurers Report.**

Budget Report:

Duncan reviewed the budget sheets from Rosemary Audibert and reported all looked okay.

Administrative items:

*Open House Host Schedule for September:

September 03 – CLOSED	September 7 – Duncan Hastings
September 10 – Dean West	September 14 – Dean West
September 17 – Linda Jones	September 21 – Linda Jones
September 24- Ed Raymond & Lynn Sibley	September 28 – Lois Frey

*Linda reported that on July 19th Ethan Merrill appraised the Historical Society's Collection and the Ruth Mould art, which Johnson State College may loan to the Society. He will have an appraisal for each piece of art and the potential high value furniture and artifacts. He will offer a blanket assessment of the rest of the collection. He expects to have the task completed in 6 to 8 weeks, perhaps by the end of August. Thanks to Linda and Alice Whiting for coordinating this endeavor.

*JHS Webpage: Lois Frey reported that the domain fee for our webpage will be due in August. No bill has arrived to date.

Building Committee Report

*Front yard repair: In process. Duncan will follow-up with Brian Story.

*Lighting fixture follow-up: No news. Dean will contact Keith Locke about any possibilities to install either of the antique hanging lights recently received.

* Storage area plans: Dean has painted the framework for the shelves received from Decart. It was decided that the platform pieces did not need to be painted so the racks are ready to be moved into the storage area. Dean mentioned that work needed to be completed on the sheet rock. Duncan said he has the ability to mud the drywall. He also has a sander for the project. Dean will set a date for a work day.

*Dean reported that all the doors including the storage area use the same key. There should not be a problem but he suggested that folks check that their key works in the storage area.

*Duncan suggested that when working on the capital budget, the Society may want to consider pouring a cement floor in the back section of the storage area. It would help with eliminating some of the moisture and offer a better display and work area. All agreed.

Program/Projects

*Tuesday Night Live Update: All is going well with no rain on Tuesday nights so far. The volunteers continue to make the event successful. Tickets for the Eric Tobin painting are also being sold at the Historical Society tent when there is volunteer capacity to handle the sales.

*Ruth Mould Paintings: Finalizing the long-term loan of art work is in process. No report from Alice Whiting.

*Johnson/JSC documentary: No word from Vince or Eric.

*JHS role with naming roads: No clarification from the Select Board yet. Duncan volunteered to check-in with Brian Story.

*Lamoille dairy farms photo project. Linda and Tom Carney gathered photos to complete two display board with Johnson farms (past & present), which were used by the Field Days committee and displayed in the 4-H tent. Panels are now available at the Holcomb House. Thank you Linda and Tom.

*October 15th program: Ideas were generated for the JHS program on the day of the art raffle drawing. It was decided to see if the Lowe Lecture Hall is available that afternoon and also see if Gary and Roland Clark might be available to play a few tunes as well as to ask Eric Tobin to give a talk about his art in Johnson. Lois will follow-up. Duncan also suggested that he could do a tune or two on his bagpipe to add to the festivities.

Acquisitions

*Josh Stenberg from the Vermont Studio Center visited the Holcomb House with Xi AO, Vianyu on July 30, 2017. The visit generated a poem about the experience by Xi AO, Vianyu written in Chinese and translated to English which is now on file in the office.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. Next meeting is September 13th at 9 AM.

Meeting notes recorded by Lois Frey, Secretary