

Johnson Historical Society Meeting Minutes
10 January 2018 at the Holcomb House

Present: Linda Jones, Dick Simays, Duncan Hastings, Dean West, Tom Carney, Frank Dodge, Jane Marshal and Lois Frey. Regrets: Alice Whiting. Guest: Aggie West.

Linda called the meeting to order at 9 AM. Two items were added to the agenda: Holcomb House Use and Sales Agreement and photo display opportunity.

The minutes for 13 December 2017 were approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report: Paper budget report from Rosemary was reviewed. The balance is \$23,033.23.

Budget Report: There were a couple of questions raised about the budget report which were answered by Rosemary Audibert by telephone. The budget print-out, dated 1.9.2018, was approved as printed and is attached with the minutes.

Administrative items:

Attendance records indicate that the Open House on Thursdays does not generate any traffic so it was suggested that the work days on Thursday mornings continue but no open house will be promoted. Following discussion **it was moved, seconded and approved to offer Open House at the Holcomb House on Sundays from 1 to 4 PM and anytime by appointment from December to May first.**

*Open House Host Schedule for February 2018:

Sunday

February 04 – Dean West

February 11 – Lois Frey

February 18 – Dick Simays

February 25 – Lynn Sibley & Ed Raymond

*Update on Merrill Appraisal & Insurance: A report is now expected by the end of January.

*Town Report Ideas: A draft report was reviewed with several suggestions, including adding information about the proposed Holcomb House sales and use agreement, information about Johnson Historical Society, Inc., and a few minor corrections were made. Lois will make adjustments.

*Accessioning System: Discussion about the value of using the accessioning system, which Duncan has installed on the Holcomb House computer, highlighted the need to develop a plan to implement all the data into the system. We need to identify a computer savvy person to work with us.

*Photo Display Opportunity: Aggie West reported that a K-Mart in Rutland is closing and will have a sale of their equipment. Her daughter, Michelle is willing to check for the availability of photo display racks. All agreed if available we should pursue purchasing another display rack.

*Amazon Smile: Duncan will follow-up by providing the Amazon Smile contact information to members of the Building Fund Committee.

Building Committee Report:

*Draft Agreement Report: Dean and Duncan reported that they have begun discussions about the use and ultimate disposition of the Holcomb House by delivering a proposed draft agreement to the Selectboard for their consideration.

*On-going maintenance items:

- 1) The estimate for concrete on the Carriage Room floor has been sent to the Selectboard.
- 2) Concern about ice build-up by the Holcomb House entrance was discussed. The Building Committee will continue to seek a remedy.
- 3) The town addressed the frozen water problem in Don Garrett's apartment but the problem may need the addition of a wall heater in the Carriage Room in the future.

*Dean reported that the display board with hand-made pegs has been installed in the Carriage Room and the harness and collar are on display. Duncan offered that he has a picture of how the harness and collar were used which he will copy to have a visual display of the item in use.

Fundraising Report:

*Membership: No report.

*Building Fund Committee: No report. Committee will meet on January 17th at 8:30 AM.

Program/Projects:

*Remember When: It was decided to move the start of winter programs to February to avoid conflict with NFL football. The first remember when program will be held on February 18th with Dick Simays serving as facilitator. Panelist suggested but not all are confirmed include Dean West, Frank Dodge, and Bob Dubray.

*Ms. Jessica Gible's 6th grade class at Johnson Elementary School with 14 students will visit the Holcomb House on January 11th. Linda, Dean, Duncan, Tom, and Lois will be available to answer questions about the wonders of Johnson.

Acquisitions: No acquisitions received this month.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned. Next meeting is February 14, 2018.

Meeting minutes by Lois Frey, Recording Secretary