

Johnson Historical Society Monthly Meeting
13 June 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at the Holcomb House

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

All present met at the Vermont Studio Center Church Studios for a tour with a history of the project led by Gary Clark and Jim McDowell at 9 AM. Interesting, informative, and an asset to our community were some of the comments made following the informal presentation.

Linda called the meeting at the Holcomb House to order at 10 AM with a review of the agenda. No items were added.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of May 9 & 22, 2018 were approved as printed.

The Treasurer's Report showed a reserve balance of \$19,942.95 with a checkbook figure of \$17,138. 30. The report was accepted as presented.

Budget Report: Following discussion **it was moved, seconded and approved to reimburse Dean \$100 for expenses related to customizing the JHS trailer including two JHS decals.**

Administrative items:

*July 2018 House Host schedule:

July 01: Dean West	July 05: Tom Carney
July 08: Linda Jones	July 12: Lois Frey
July 15: Lois Frey	July 19: Dick Simays
July 22: Duncan Hastings	July 26: Alice Whiting
July 29: Ed Raymond & Lynn Sibley	

Building Committee Report:

*Front Steps: Appreciation was extended to Duncan for building the front steps. Duncan reported that Brian Krause will send the old steps to the Transfer Station for appropriate disposal. He also stated he used pressure treated lumber from Parker and Stearns and notified Rosemary that the bill would be forthcoming. Following discussion about whether the steps should have risers, **it was moved, seconded, and passed (5 yes, 1 no, 1 abstention) to leave the steps as they were built with no risers added.**

*Carriage Room: Duncan reported that the joint compound is ready to be used to mud the area in need.

Program Projects:

Remember When: Speakers will be Laura Lew (Jones) Towns, Janet (Dubray) Sheltra, and Amy (Despault) Thompson for the 2 PM on June 24th program at the Holcomb House. Refreshments will be prepared by Linda, Lois, and Aggie with Alice providing a drink. Set-up for the event will be on Saturday, June 23rd at 1 PM.

*Strategic Planning: The next strategic planning date will be July 25th at 10 AM.

*Tuesday Night Live – Work Schedule: Linda, Alice, and Lois are lining up the pie and potato salad preparers. They are also looking for volunteers to help at the serving tables each week. The hot dogs have been solicited from McKenzie with the request accepted with pick up in July. Dean reported the new trailer will be ready for use. Lois reported the TNL performance schedule will be announced soon. (Note- TNL schedule is now available on the Town webpage.)

*The retired teachers group, hosted by Tom Carney will visit the Holcomb House on September 24th at 9 AM.

*Following discussion, it was decided to coordinate a program about the restoration of Johnson buildings by the Vermont Studio Center, perhaps in late September. Details to follow.

Newsletter Preparation: Work on the newsletter will take place at the July 11th JHS meeting.

Fundraising Report:

*Membership: Alice reported no new members since the last report.

*Building Fund Committee: Alice reported she continues to receive donations (1) in support of the Johnson Historical Society, Inc. Capital Campaign. Just \$6,890 is needed to complete slice #9 of the pie. Then only one \$30,000 slice, #10 will be needed to complete the project.

Acquisitions:

*Bruce and Mary Beard donated photographs, report cards, and other papers from Helen Beard.

*Pamela Crosby sent by mail a picture of Ellen Ferry.

*Lorinda Henry donated a picture of the Johnson High School Class of 1915.

*Martha Corey delivered on behalf of Millie Locke Piper a 3rd-4th grade class picture when Miss Potter was teacher.

*Alan and Judy Beard donated a collection of pictures and newspaper articles and obituaries collected by Evelyn Ellsworth.

*Dean West has prepared and donated his memoir, *Growing Up on Main Street in Johnson, VT 1940s and 1950s*.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. Next regular meeting will be at 9 AM on July 11th.

Meeting minutes recorded by Lois Frey, Recording Secretary