

Johnson Historical Society Monthly Meeting
8 August 2018 at 9:00 AM at the Holcomb House

Present: Alice Whiting, Dick Simays, Dean West, Tom Carney, Linda Jones, and Lois Frey.
Regrets: Jane Marshall, Frank Dodge, Duncan Hastings. Guest: Kelly Vandorn & Aggie West.
Linda called the meeting to order at 9 AM with a review of the agenda. Dean requested a discussion about the addition of honorary members to the Johnson Historical Society roster.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of 11 & 25 July 2018 were approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report: No report

Budget Report: No Report

Administrative items:

*September 2018 House Host schedule:

September 02: Dick Simays September 06: Tom Carney
September 09: Linda Jones September 13: Dean West
September 16: Geoff Corey September 20: Linda Jones
September 23: Lois Frey September 27: Alice Whiting
September 30: Lynn Sibley

*Recruiting Volunteers: Linda reported receiving interest from two potential volunteers: Phyllis Bailey Lockwood and Luciana Swensen and her son Tyler. Discussion of the newsletter will take place at the August 22nd strategic planning meeting.

*Honorary membership: Dean suggested that JHS consider creating a category for honorary members with the criteria to be developed. It was suggested that members think about the idea for a future discussion.

Building Committee Report:

*Dean reported that projects have been placed on hold due to the very hot weather. Supplies and volunteers are ready just awaiting appropriate working conditions.

Program Projects:

*Strategic Planning session is set for August 22, 2018 at 10 AM at the Holcomb House. Dick will work in advance of the meeting on the JHS office computer to locate the WORD publisher newsletter template for review by all.

*Tuesday Night Live – Thanks to all the volunteers who make the JHS part of TNL possible. All is going well except Inspector Paul Fernald of the Department of Health has ruled that non-profit organizations can only use home kitchens once a month. JHS disputes that interpretation of the ruling based on H-715, which took effect July 2016. However, for the remainder of the TNL season the Trustees agreed to use Sterling Market potato salad, which Lois will purchase and donate. Dean reported that Alan Lehouillier again donated a canopy to replace the one damaged earlier in the season. The Secretary has sent him a thank you letter. For the future, Tom will look into different configurations of canopies which he noted are produced by the USA Canopy Company.

*Vermont Studio Center Restoration of Buildings Program- Jim McDowell and Gary Clark have confirmed their talk about the restoration of Johnson buildings by the Vermont Studio Center on Sunday, September 23rd at the Lowe Lecture Hall at 2 PM with a special refreshment event at the Holcomb House following the talk. It was decided to serve pumpkin bars (Alice's recipe) at the event.

Future Program Planning:

*Retired Teachers will visit the Holcomb House at 10 AM on September 24th. Tom asked Linda to give a short (10 minute) talk about the Historical Society.

*JHS sponsored programs include followup with past speakers Steve Leach (trains) for January 2019 and Steve Engel (printing) for Fall 2018.

Other suggestions include: History of Farming (with a remember when panel,) Bridges of Johnson, Quilting (more than just sewing,) A look at the Village Downtown in the Old Days, Winter in Johnson.

Fundraising Report:

*Alice reported that the raffle for the two ski chairs began at Tuesday Night Live and will continue until August 28th. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

Acquisitions:

*Linda and Dean visited Dr. Rogers, who will be donating for loan and/or gift a number of items, medical equipment and/or materials, used in his 37 years of providing medical care in Johnson. He will identify and describe the use of items.

*Linda showed a mint condition, signed copy of Robert Titterton's book, *Julian Scott, Artist of the Civil War and Native American* which was donated to JHS by the Morrisville Historical Society.

*Linda reported that Bill Perkins has donated 12 pictures from his mother Helen Perkins during her 25 years teaching in Johnson. He also showed Linda remnants of Ruth Molde's former studio.

*Lois reported that Diane Catalona and Bill Hooper dropped of a number of items from the Arthur and Mary Fletcher Hooper homestead as well as from Harvey and Bernice Beecher including furniture, tools, and memorabilia. There is a Legislative Directory from Red Hooper's days in Montpelier, a Normal School picture, and a teapot to mention some of the interesting materials.

*Tom delivered a certificate from Parker and Stearns.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. Next regular meeting will be at 9 AM on September 12th. Strategic planning meeting will be August 22nd at 10 AM.

Meeting minutes recorded by Lois Frey, Recording Secretary