

Johnson Historical Society Monthly Meeting  
October 10, 2018 at 9:00 AM at the Holcomb House

Present: Alice Whiting, Dick Simays, Dean West, Linda Jones, Jane Marshall and Lois Frey.  
Regrets: Tom Carney, Duncan Hastings and Frank Dodge. Guests: Kelly Vandorn & Aggie West.  
Also David and Beverly Stackpole (arrived at 11 AM.)

Linda called the meeting to order at 9 AM with a review of the agenda. No additions made.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from 12 September & 3 October 2018 were approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report: No report

Budget Report: Following discussion, **it was moved, seconded and approved to pay the \$284.48 annual payment to 3W Promotions and reimburse Tom Carney \$7 for supplies.**

Administrative items:

\*November Holcomb Host schedule:

<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
November 01: Tom Carney	November 04: Lois Frey
November 08: Dean West	November 11: Linda Jones
November 15: Lois Frey	November 18: Alice Whiting & Jane Marshall
November 22: Closed for Thanksgiving	November 25: Lynn Sibley
November 29: Linda Jones	

\*Newsletter: The draft newsletter prepared by Tyler Swenson was reviewed. A few changes were recommended. Linda will follow-up with Tyler and Luciana. The newsletter will be mailed to the Johnson Historical Society members with the annual membership letter in November.

\*Honorary membership: Following review of Dean's draft Honorary Board Member document, The following statement was approved: Honorary Board Member: ***Any past member of the Historical Society Board of Trustees, having given up their chair, will be known as an honorary board member and will be welcomed and encouraged to attend open board meetings and participate in all discussions but will not be eligible to vote.***  
At a future meeting discussion will focus on the title and criteria for a category of ***special friends of Johnson Historical Society.***

\*Recruiting volunteers: Lois reported that Luciana Swenson, who has webpage development experience has volunteered to work on the Johnson Historical Society webpage. She has worked with Elisa Clancy at 3W Promotions. Lois will follow-up with Jen Burton, who has done past work and Linda will follow-up with Luciana.

Building Committee Report:

Dean reported that Duncan will do more work on the mudding, then the painting will follow. The ramp is ready for painting the banisters.

Dean has contacted Gary Clark about the weathervane at the Lowe Lecture Hall. He would like Jim McDowell at their discussion, which will be scheduled for next week.

Dean reported on the research he has completed for the trailer storage. Following discussion **it was moved, seconded and approved to accept the generous offer from Arjay West to store the trailer at the Maplewood Campground and to authorize Dean West to purchase the needed hitch lock(s.)** It is noted that the JHS banner, one canopy, and the 4 foot table will be removed to the Holcomb House before storage.

Duncan has dismantled the weathervane, which is now a manageable size and is stored in the Carriage Room. He is looking for a small forge to continue his work.

### Programs/Projects

\*Upcoming Sale: The building fund committee will finalize their silent auction sale plans at their meeting on October 19<sup>th</sup>. Details to follow.

\*Singer Sewing Machines & More: Steve Engle will share his knowledge about the history of sewing machines on November 4<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM at the Holcomb House. Refreshments will be served.

\*Harvest Festival News: Following discussion Dean agreed to coordinate with Tom and bring an old engine and tractor for the JHS display at the 11 AM to 3 PM event on the Legion Field on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Other planning will be done by email with Duncan, Jane, Dick, and Lois helping.

\*Jubilee: It was agreed by all to participate at the December 7<sup>th</sup> Holiday Jubilee from 4 to 7 PM. A Christmas tree will be set up in the Parlor where Alice and Jane will read stories. Homemade cookies will be served.

\*Future Program Planning: Options for future programs include *Heritage Quilts* by Lynn Sibley and *A Johnson History of Railroads* (maybe May 2019) with Steve Leach.

### Fundraising Report

Alice reported that \$23,736 remains to be raised to reach the capital campaign goal of \$300,000. Solicitations are on-going.

### Acquisitions

\*Dave Stackpole donated a pair of original design vintage (1945-1950) Johnson Woolen Mill hunting pants. Beverly Stackpole brought a pitcher with cups that belonged to Reverend Ed French, who gave it to Mary Webster, who passed it on to Beverly to keep in Johnson.

\*Tom Carney received a cookbook *Our Favorite Recipes* from the Johnson Trailer Park, 1988.

\*Tom also received two Georgia Balch paintings from Betty Taylor.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. Next regular meeting will be at 9 AM on November 14th. Note agenda item: new canopy.

Meeting minutes recorded by Lois Frey, Recording Secretary