

## Johnson Historical Society Monthly Meeting

8 May 2019 at the Holcomb House

Present: Dick Simays, Alice Whiting, Dean West, Duncan Hastings, Tom Carney, Linda Jones, Mary Jean Smith, Kelly Vandorn, and Lois Frey. Guest: Aggie West

Dick Simays called the meeting to order at 9 AM. There were no additions to the agenda.

Secretary's Reports for 10 & 24 April 2019 were accepted as printed.

Treasurer's Report: Kelly Vandorn reported the reserve fund balance is \$19,161.56 at this date. Spending is within the allotted budget. Treasurer's Report accepted as presented.

### Budget Report:

\*The Accessioning Committee is looking to ascertain the costs of professionally conserving/preserving some books and ephemera. Rosemary has a town contract for their documents and will ask that company for an estimate based on three items delivered to the town safe. It was suggested to also check with the New England Municipal Resource Center. Money is available in the present budget to conserve documents. It was noted that municipal documents and historical documents may have different protocols when preserving.

\*The canopy purchased primarily for TNL has arrived. Following discussion, **it was moved, seconded and approved to purchase a smaller (12'x12') canopy with straight legs not to exceed a cost of \$300.** Tom will place the order.

### Administrative Items:

\*June 2019 Holcomb House schedule

#### Sunday - June

02 Dean West

09 Geoff Corey

16 Jane Marshall-Lois Frey

23 Lynn Sibley

30 Linda Jones

#### Thursday - June

06 Tom Carney

13 Mary Jean Smith

20 Alice Whiting

27 Duncan Hastings

\*Newsletter: Mary Jean Smith and Linda Jones volunteered to put together the next JHS newsletter.

\*Web page: Mary Jean reported she has received information from Grant Harper, who volunteered to help with the JHS webpage. Since no progress has been made (from January to date) it was decided to have Mary Jean follow-up with Grant. Lois will send her the basic information that he might need to assess what needs to be done.

Connecting to the town's webpage (administered by Susan Tinker) is another option to consider. It was suggested that webpage be added to the monthly agenda.

\*Facebook: Barbara Backus continues to be the JHS Facebook Administrator with Linda helping by providing pictures and text for the selected theme. The page is very well received.

\*Special Friend Criteria: Discussion generated the agreement that individuals and corporate or business entities could be nominated for the special friend designation. The draft will be re-done by Lois & Alice for action at the June meeting.

\*Strategic Planning: The VT Community Foundation requires an on-line application which Duncan is setting up and completing including having an endorsement from the Selectboard.

\*Conserving books and ephemera: Item covered in the Budget Report.

\*Creating a task list: It was noted that some tasks can be performed by hosts when on duty if time permits and other tasks are the responsibility of the Building Committee or others as determined on an as needed basis. Two task lists will be generated for the June meeting to help get a handle on various tasks. Items for the previous task list include: 1) Pick up of the Sweet/Mobbs crib. Mary Jean offered to assist Dean. 2) Handicapped ramp needs to be stained. Dean has the stain. Volunteers welcomed. 3) Cellar floor needs pallets as the Spring rains have deposited more water than usual in the cellar. Additionally, Lois and Alice will take care of the JSC yearbooks stored in the cellar. 4) Carriage Room sanding needs to be finished then the painting can be completed. Also, the heater to protect the pipes to the apartment (a Town project) has not been addressed. It was decided that Tom and Duncan will get cost estimates for foam insulation and a heater for installation in the Carriage Room which will be shared with the JHS board and the Selectboard.

#### Building Committee Report:

\*Dean reported that the Building Use Agreement is in process with Doug Molde and Eric Osgood.

\*Duncan reported that two vendors have looked at the kitchen floor and there is a third one who plans to bid. Gilles Lehouillier will not bid; however, he recommends the use of a vinyl snap lock product.

#### Program Projects:

\*Train Talk by Steve Leach on April 28<sup>th</sup> was very well received with an audience of 40 people. Tom recorded a video, which is on a thumb drive and the JHS external hard drive.

\*Old and New Sale: Aggie continues to make progress with the May 18<sup>th</sup> sale.

\*Tuesday Night Live. The Town has appointed a new committee to operate TNL with Howard Romero as chairman and eight other volunteers. The show will go on, opening on July 9<sup>th</sup> with Blues for Breakfast.

Fundraising Committee:

Alice reported the Georgia Balch painting raffle raised another \$100 since the last meeting. Linda has confirmed the date of July 13, 2019 for the committee to sell raffle tickets at the Craftsbury Fair, which was a very good venue for selling the JHS Eric Tobin tickets. Alice also reported that only \$1,843 is needed to complete the Capital Campaign goal.

Acquisitions: Doug McGown dropped off a box of linen with hand-embroidered applications made by Johnson ladies over the years. They are a gift to the Historical Society from his mother, Lorraine McGown.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM. Next meeting will be held on June 12, 2019 at 9 AM.

Meeting minutes recorded by Lois Frey, Recording Secretary.