

JOHNSON HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Meeting Minutes
11 May 2022 * 9:00 AM * Holcomb House

Present: Dick Simays, Alice Whiting, Linda Jones, Kelly Vandorn & Lois Frey. Regrets: Mary Jean Smith, Tom Carney. Guests: Dean West, Dennis Richards

Dick Simays called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. One item was added to the agenda, by-law update.

Secretary's Report: **It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the minutes from 4.11.2022 as printed.**

Treasurer's Report: Kelly Vandorn distributed the monthly report (attached) with expenses of \$5,951.39 and income of \$10,124. The balance as of 2022 is \$29,394.66. Kelly reported the largest expense was the set up and operation of the new JHS webpage. She also mentioned the figure to keep an eye as June 30th approaches is \$8,007.61. As a result of the Procurement policy, Kelly reported that Rosemary Audibert will be making one trip a month to Cosco and will pick up items for JHS at Tuesday Night Live. She will check the timeframe for Rosemary's monthly shopping trips.

Letter from Tom Carney: A founding member of the Historical Society, Tom submitted his resignation from the Board of Trustees effective this date. His participation at Board meetings will be greatly missed; however, he plans to continue to help on projects and as needed.

Election of Officers: The Nominating Committee was unable to fill all the officer positions; but anticipate the addition of new Trustees (in process at this time) will help. Therefore, the slate of officers proposed is President - Dick Simays, Vice President - Mary Jean Smith, Recording Secretary – Lois Frey (Interim,) Membership Secretary - Alice Whiting, and Treasurer – Kelly Vandorn. When the present three vacancies are filled, Lois will step down as Recording Secretary. **It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the slate of officers as presented.**

By Law Review: Following the second reading of the proposal to amend the Historical Society by laws, Article III, Governance, Section 1 by deleting *having a least one member of the Town Selectboard or their designated representative appointed to the Board of Trustees* and removing the last sentence in Section 5: *The Selectboard member, or their designee shall not hold any of these offices, it was moved, seconded and approved unanimously to amend the By Laws.* The document will be signed by President, Dick Simays and will be reviewed by the Selectboard at a future date. The revised bylaws with the amended date of 11 May 2022 are official and will be on-file at the Holcomb House.

Administrative Items:

*Holcomb House hosting schedule: It was decided to open the Holcomb House for visitors twice a month on the second and fourth Sunday afternoon from 1 to 3 PM starting on June 12th. The Collections & Program Committee will offer a theme for each opening. Alice will host on June 12th and Dick will host on June 26th. Visitors may still contact any member of Historical Society to schedule a visit or call Dick Simays (802 635 7080) or Lois Frey (802 635 7826.)

Social Media

*Newsletter: Linda is working out formatting problems with the May newsletters but expects it to be ready soon. She plans to use the letter written by Jane Marshal supporting the Johnson Historical Society for the opening statement.

*Facebook: Linda reported that since the start of the JHS Facebook page in March 2014, she and Barbara Backus have posted 100 albums for a total of 1,736 photos plus other postings for notices, raffles, newsletters, upcoming events, etc. The likes count is 1,374.

*Webpage: Mary Jean reported via email to Dick the following: 1) Elias Gillen has completed his filming at the Holcomb House and has recorded what he needed from Dean West. 2) Elias asked if he could do some metal detecting on the Holcomb House lawn and was given permission to do so. 3) The website is up and running. Lydia Putvain (Municipal Office) will help with any posting. 4) The Beautification Committee via Kyle Nuse asked if the Historical Society wanted plants for flower boxes on the HH porch. There was no interest expressed for taking on the project at this time.

Conservation of books:

Lois reported that the Kofile Sales Order slip has been received for signature. The cost for the three books totals \$4,628 which is a 2022 budget item with dollars also reserved for this project. **It was moved, seconded and approved to continue the process and have Lois sign and return the document.**

Standing Committees:

*Building, Grounds, & Facility Development: Nothing new to report.

*Program Development and Collections: The Committee will meet soon to further develop their plans in progress.

*Revenue Development: Dick reported he will initiate contacts for gift cards to support the upcoming JHS food booth at Tuesday Night Live.

*Membership: Alice reported that memberships continue to dribble in. She will have an updated report at a future meeting.

Second Floor Occupancy committee report: Kelly shared a draft report she is developing for the committee's participation at the Selectboard meeting on May 16th. She requested that Trustees review the paper and send her comments.

Acquisitions:

*Linda brought the digital files with the Nadeau Family Archives and the equipment to display the material donated by Albert S. and Anita M. Nadeau. Linda has sent a thank you for the gift.

*Hope Miller sent some postcards from Albert Dolan with several addressed to Mr. Frank Whiting. Alice volunteered to send the thank you note to Hope.

Other

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at about 11:00 AM.

Meeting minutes recorded by Lois Frey, Recording Secretary