

JOHNSON HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Meeting Minutes
8 June 2022 * 9:00 AM * Holcomb House

Present: Dick Simays, Alice Whiting, Linda Jones, Mary Jean Smith, Kelly Vandorn, & Lois Frey.
Guests: Dean West, Dennis Richards, Duncan Hastings (9:30 AM)

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

SECRETARY'S REORT: Meeting minutes from 5/11/22 were discussed with one correction, under acquisitions, the postcards came from Albert Dolan not Miller. It was moved, seconded, and approved to accept the minutes with one correction as noted.

TREASURER'S: Kelly Vandorn reported income of \$10,144 and expenses of \$6,573, which included website and newsletter expenditures as well as office and accessioning supplies.
*Kelly shared a video equipment proposal prepared by Jacob Vandorn. Following discussion, it was moved, seconded and approved to approve Jacob's proposal, not to exceed \$75 for the purchase of enhanced video equipment.

*Lois Frey asked the Trustees to consider the purchase of an external hard drive to be used for storage of the JHS minutes and other official documents. Following discussion, it was moved, seconded and approved to allocated up to \$150 for the purchase of a hard drive. Lois will consult with Jacob and order through Rosemary Audibert.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

*Holcomb House hosting schedule: The summer open schedule (1 to 3 pm) for the Holcomb House will be July 10th, Mary Jean Smith; July 24th Linda Jones; August 14th Alice Whiting; and August 28th Lois Frey. Dean West volunteered to serve as a sub if the need arises.

SOCIAL MEDIA:

*Webpage: Mary Jean Smith reported that she is working with Lydia Putvain to make changes on the webpage. The new video by Elias Gillen has been posted. It is accessed by selecting About Us on the home page. She has the invoice from Elias. All present praised the excellent work by Elias and the video.

*Facebook: Linda Jones reported the page gained 13 likes moving from 1374 to 1387 likes.

*Newsletter: Linda reported Luciana Swensen and Tyler Swensen will be re-locating as Tyle will begin college in Georgia in the Fall. Tyler was only 14 years old when he contacted Linda about volunteering. They have done a great job. The good news, Luciana has volunteered to continue her role remotely from Florida. Technology is wonderful. Also, *Searching for the Donut Man* by Mary Alexander Peet in the May newsletter has received rave reviews.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR VACANCY APPLICATIONS:

Dick reported that he contacted Brian Story, who gave him word that Dennis Richards has applied to be a Trustee. As Dennis has attended several Trustee meetings and is still

interested in serving, it was unanimous that Dick should advise the Selectboard that the Historical Society endorses the appointment of Dennis Richards to serve as a JHS Trustee.

Dick will also remind Brian that there are two more Trustee vacancies to fill.

TUESDAY NIGHT LIVE PREPARATIONS: TNL assignments are being completed with supplies ordered and some received, volunteers being contacted, McKenzie donation of hotdogs confirmed, the entertainment list shared and contact made with Howard Romero. All seems right on schedule.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

***Buildings, GROUNDS and Facility Development:** Mary Jean reported that she is working with Andrea Blaisdell to tend-to the rose bush, which will be cut back significantly as prescribed. Two peonies, planted some time ago by Lynn West found within the bush will be saved. They plan to reconstruct the garden found in a 1937 photograph.

***Collections and Program Development:** The Program Development Committee shared a DRAFT list of their plans. They are developing a schedule with programs on the fourth Sunday afternoon from September through May except December. The Holcomb House will be opened for visitors on the second Sunday of each month with December being on Friday, the 2nd for the Johnson Jubilee. List will be available following confirmation by presenters.

***Collections committee:** Accessioning Committee continues to work at the Holcomb House on Monday mornings.

***Revenue Development:** Dick reported no activity.

***Membership:** Alice Whiting reported she has received 80 memberships in the various categories plus fifteen donations without membership.

SECOND FLOOR OCCUPANCY COMMITTEE: Mary Jean reported the committee plans to assess the second-floor space and report to the Selectboard their findings once the tenants have officially vacated the second floor.

ACQUISITIONS:

*** Duncan brought a World War 1 helmet that belonged to Raymond Powers, who served in the Army Ambulance Corps. The addition to the collection was accepted.**

***Lois reported that Amber Byrnes donated a pair of World War 1 boots, which the accession committee has place on one of the cobbler's foot mold so that the nails holding the sole on the boot will not fall out.**

There being no more business, the meeting adjourned.

Minutes by Lois Frey, Recording Secretary.