

JOHNSON HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Meeting Minutes
13 July 2022 * 9:00 AM * Holcomb House

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

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

SECRETARY'S REORT: Meeting minutes from 6/8/22: It was moved, seconded, and approved to accept the June minutes as printed.

TREASURER'S: Kelly Vandorn shared a copy of the Historical Society's Expense and Revenue sheet dated 6/30/2022 (filed with minutes.) She noted the Kofile expense for three volumes has not been posted to date, which will affect the final FY 2022 report.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

***Holcomb House hosting schedule: As decided at the June meeting the schedule (1 to 3 pm) for the Holcomb House will continue with July 24th Linda Jones; August 14th Alice Whiting; and August 28th Lois Frey. The Fall schedule will include a School Program on September 11th with Mary Jean Smith, Alice Whiting, and Dean West. Host for September 25th to be determined. October 9th will feature slides from the Red Hooper Collection hosted by Dean West and Linda Jones. The October 23rd will include a cemetery tour hosted by Linda Jones, Alice Whiting, and Kelly Vandorn.**

***Social Media:**

Facebook: Linda Jones reported new pictures will be added soon.

Newsletter: Linda Jones reported Luciana Swensen has moved and will volunteer to continue her newsletter assistance at the end of September.

Website: Mary Jean Smith continues to work with Elisa Clancy and Lydia Putvain to update the Historical Society's webpage.

***Tuesday Night Live: The 18th TNL season is underway with all JHS trustees and volunteers making the Historical Society canopy being the place to visit first. It was a small crowd and a rain storm ended the first night (July 5, 2022) early; but folks were happy to get their summer treats.**

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

***Buildings, Grounds and Facility Development: Compliments were extended to Mary Jean Smith and Andrea Blaisdell for their excellent work on the Holcomb House rose bush. More to come in the days ahead. Mary Jean will check the status of the vermiculite problem as it relates to having Efficiency VT conduct an assessment of the Holcomb House. Lois Frey reported that she has a notebook with the History of the Holcomb House and its transition from funeral home to the Historical Society's home, which may be helpful to the committee.**

***Collections and Program Development:**

Collections: Kelly Vandorn reported that the Accessioning Committee is not meeting in July and August and will resume their work in September. Acquisitions are still being accepted.

Programs Development: See the September/October schedule under Administrative Items.

***Revenue Development:** No report from Dick Simays. Lois Frey reported the July 5th Tuesday Night Live sales totaled \$530 for fundraising revenue.

***Membership:** Alice Whiting reported no new Historical Society memberships.

SECOND FLOOR OCCUPANCY COMMITTEE REPORT:

Mary Jean Smith will continue to reach out to Brian Story to stay tuned on the status of the second floor occupancy. Dick Simays suggested that when emails are sent to the Town Administrator a copy should go to the Selectboard Chair and the Historical Society's email.

LLHSM ACHIEVEMENT AWARD: Aggie West contacted Dick Simays about the 2022 League of Local Historical Societies and Museum Achievement Awards to recognize the exceptional work being done by individuals and community heritage organizations over a period of time or during the 2021-2022 season. Submission deadline is August 19, 2022. A write-up highlighting JHS's social media program or its history with TNL was suggested by those present; however, no volunteer stepped forward to complete the application.

ACQUISITIONS:

A pew from St Johns Catholic Church has been donated via Betty Taylor and is now located in the Carriage Room.

Dennis Richards brought photographs of Christa & Phyllis Jewett and Walton & Karlene Shadduck to be added to their write-ups in the 50 Years of Marriage Albums. Linda will scan the pictures and return the originals to Dennis.

Mike Dunham brought a military blouse worn by Becky Breikenback during World War 2 to be added to the military uniforms collection.

It was noted that two vacancies remain for JHS Trustees. The newest JHS Trustee, Dennis Richards reported that his interest in history began as a youngster when he heard his relatives sharing stories of the past. His fascination with history in Johnson has continued. Having recently retired, he decided it was a good time to volunteer and the Historical Society was his choice. Welcome Dennis!

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Meeting minutes prepared by Lois Frey, Recording Secretary