**JOHNSON HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**Meeting Minutes**

**10 August 2022 \* 9:00 AM \* Holcomb House**

**Present: Dick Simays, Linda Jones, Mary Jean Smith, Alice Whiting, Kelly Vandorn, Dennis Richards, & Lois Frey. Guests: Dean West, Duncan Hastings (left at 10:45 am,) Tom Carney (arrived 11 am.)**

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

**SECRETARY’S REORT: Meeting minutes from 7/13/22: It was moved, seconded, and approved to accept the July minutes as printed.**

**Because Mary Jean Smith had to leave early, the schedule was adjusted to move Social Media: Website and Second Floor Occupancy Report up on the agenda.**

**\*Social Media: Mary Jean reported that Lydia Putvain has updated the list of trustees to include Dennis Richards. She will connect with Elias Gillen about adjustments to the recent video addition on the webpage.**

**\*Second Floor Occupancy Committee Report: Mary Jean Smith has not heard from Brian Story about the status of the Holcomb House debris clearing and cleaning contract. She inspected the facility and found it unsatisfactory, which she reported via email and with pictures to Brian and the Selectboard. As of this date, she has not received a reply. The committee is waiting to address the Historical Society’s next steps once the facility is cleaned. She feels the work done to date is unsatisfactory. Duncan said he will inspect the second floor and follow-up. Because Mary Jean will be out of town for the August 15, 2022 Selectboard meeting, it was decided to ask the Selectboard to address the issue at their first meeting in September, most likely September 6th due to Labor Day. Mary Jean will email Beth Foy, Selectboard Chair with the request as well as the members of the Second Floor Occupancy Committee. Dick reminded all that when emails are sent to the Town Administrator a copy should go to the Selectboard Chair and the Historical Society’s email.**

**TREASURER’S Report: Kelly Vandorn reported net income of $4,459.52 with Tuesday Night Live expenses of $164.48. She will need to make adjustments to clarify FY 21 vs. FY 22 expenses due to TNL being held in July and August annually.**

**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 hosts: August 14th Alice Whiting (highlighting the recently preserved historical volumes and August 28th Lois Frey (highlighting Johnson authors.) The Fall schedule will include a School Program on September 11th with Mary Jean Smith, Alice Whiting, and Dean West. Host for September 25th will be Dick Simays. October 9th will feature slides from the Red Hooper Collection hosted by Dean West and Linda Jones and will be held at Jenna’s House (with the Holcomb House closed that day.) The October 23rd program will include a cemetery tour hosted by Linda Jones, Alice Whiting, and Kelly Vandorn.**

**\*Social Media (continued):**

**Newsletter: Linda Jones reported she has heard from Luciana Swenson, who is now settled in Florida and is ready to work on the next JHS newsletter as is Linda.**

**\*Tuesday Night Live: With six weeks of TNL all is going well thanks to all the volunteers who make it happen. Lois reported the hot dog supply is getting low; so, Dick will use JHS gift certificates to stock up for the final two weeks.**

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**\*Buildings, Grounds and Facility Development: No report**

**\*Collections and Program Development:**

**Linda led a discussion about the use of and its costs for having the October 9th meeting at Jenna’s House, which will allow a larger audience and a quality sound-system with an IT person. Costs include $50 for the IT person and $35 for the cleaning plus a donation (requested) to Jenna’s Promise. All agreed to use Jenna’s House. It is anticipated the program, *Through Red Hooper’s Lens* will draw a large crowd as so many people remember Red and his ever-present camera. The program will be free; however, it was decided to announce *Donations Welcomed* to help cover the expenses. Linda will confirm reservation of Jenna’s Promise from noon to 4 pm on 10.9.2022.**

**\*Revenue Development: No report from Dick Simays. Lois Frey reported that Tom Carney has scheduled a**

***Bring What You Got Tractor Parade* for 10 am on September 17, 2022. The parade will conclude at the Legion Field, where all participants will circle the field with their machines for all to admire. Lois suggested JHS might consider participating in some way. She volunteered to look into getting Ben & Jerry’s ice cream for an ice cream treat. (Lois checked and reports that in 2021 Ben and Jerry’s discontinued their ice cream donations.)**

**\*Membership: Alice Whiting reported no new Historical Society memberships. She will begin preparing the 2023 letter in September.**

**ACQUISITIONS:**

**Colleen Putvain donated copies of various articles and a postcard by the late Bradley Fox, one that is not already in the JHS collection.**

**Holly Reynolds donated 41 old 45 records with artists from the old days familiar to those present.**

**Dean West shared pictures of a box inscribed with Fay’s Best, Johnson, VT on it. An interesting discussion but no one was able to shed light on the item.**

**Dean also shared information about a very old plank house that might be of interest to the JHS; however, as an all-volunteer organization it was decided to pass on consideration of taking on a new venture.**

**There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:20 AM.**

**Meeting minutes prepared by Lois Frey, Recording Secretary**