

JOHNSON HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
Meeting Minutes  
14 December 2022 \* 2:00 PM \* Holcomb House

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

Dick Simays called the meeting to order at 2 PM. There were no additions to the agenda.

SECRETARY'S REORT: Meeting minutes from 11.09.2022 & 11.30.2022. **It was moved, seconded, and approved to accept the November 9, 2022 minutes with one correction: the recommendation of Leslie Martin to the Selectboard to serve on the JHS Board of Trustees.** The November 30, 2022 minutes were acknowledged although there was no quorum to conduct official business.

TREASURER'S Report: Kelly Vandorn reported income of \$979.55. The budget sheet dated 12.13.2022 shows a checkbook balance of \$34,711.43 and the account balance is \$38,777.32. The financial report is attached with the minutes.

BUDGET 2023: There were questions about the details on the financial report, which did not show postage or printing expenses, and had an expense from Great Big Graphics which needs clarification. Also of concern is the lack of detail when the Citi Bank card is used for items. Kelly Vandorn and Linda Jones will meet with Rosemary Audibert to clarify some of the details.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

\*Holcomb House hosting schedule: January 8, 2022 Lois Frey with Alice Whiting. January 22, 2022 Closed for Red Hooper Presentation at Jenna's House. February 12, 2022 Dennis Richards. February 26, 2022 Linda Jones with Alice Whiting.

\*Social Media:

Facebook: Linda Jones reported that the class pictures (1962, 1963, & 1964) presently on Facebook are receiving lots of likes with Dick Simays being the most popular as of 12.13.2022.

Webpage: Mary Jean Smith reported by email to Dick Simays that she and Lydia Putvain were able to address some of the concerns previously identified; however, the uploading of the recent videos overloaded the system. Kelly suggested she would speak with Jacob Vandorn as he may be able to do those You Tube uploads for JHS. Mary Jean's message suggested the system will be receiving attention from the vendor, Eliza Clancy.

Other: Lois Frey reported that she updated the JHS information on the Vermont Historical Society webpage on-line directory and the annual membership in the VHS has been received.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

\*Buildings, Grounds and Facility Development: The panel on the security alarm continues to respond differently both when folks are entering and leaving the building. Dick Simays will follow-up with Tom Carney, who has been the security system contact.

\*Collections and Program Development: Program Development: Linda Jones reported that the Red Hooper Presentation has been rescheduled for January 22, 2022 at Jenna's House. Following discussion, **it was moved, seconded, and approved to expend up to \$185 for the use of Jenna's House including the IT Support and cleaning.**

\*Revenue Development: Lois Frey reported that the sale of seven books and a donation generated income of

\$240 at the Holiday Jubilee Holcomb House Open House on December 9, 2022.

\*Membership: Alice Whiting reported some results to date on the Membership Drive: 31 memberships yielded \$740 and donations received for the general operating budget were \$635 and for the JHS, Inc. \$990. Alice shared several notes of appreciation received. Also, she shared a note from the daughter of long-time JHS member, Virginia Thompson Shepardson reporting that Virginia passed away on January 23, 2022.

SECOND FLOOR OCCUPANCY COMMITTEE: Due to Mary Jean Smith's illness, she was required to postpone the Second Floor Occupancy Committee meeting. An early January 2023 meeting is expected.

#### ACQUISITIONS:

\*Alice Whiting brought the loan agreement signed by Judy Beard for the Church Records discussed in November for JHS signature. **It was moved, seconded and approved to have Dick Simays sign the document.** Dick signed the document and copies were made for Alice to deliver one to the church and a copy to place in the JHS files.

\*Lois Frey reported that Jessica Bickford offered a Lamoille model rail car, which had belonged to her father. She will prepare a short write about the train and deliver it to the Holcomb House.

\*Dean West brought a Home Remedies from the Good Old Days booklet.

\*Linda Jones delivered a notebook of pictures with their history prepared by Don Manley, Sr. who turned 94 on July 4, 2022.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.

Meeting minutes prepared by Lois Frey, Recording Secretary