

JOHNSON HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Meeting Minutes
11 January 2023 * 9 AM * Holcomb House

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

Dick Simays called the meeting to order at 9 AM. There was one addition to the agenda: annual town report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Meeting minutes from 12.14.2022. **It was moved, seconded, and approved to accept the December 14, 2022 minutes as printed.**

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kelly Vandorn had no new financial statements to report. She reported that she and Linda Jones met with Rosemary Audibert and the mistaken charge to JHS from Great Big Graphics was removed from the JHS account and other concerns were clarified.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

*Holcomb House hosting schedule: January 22, 2023 closed for Red Hooper presentation at Jenna's House. February 12, 2023 Dennis Richards highlighting the wedding collection and 50 years married books. February 26, 2023 Linda Jones with Alice Whiting.

*Social Media:

Facebook: Linda Jones reported a new posting is coming soon.

Webpage: Mary Jean Smith reported the recent program videos, edited by Jacob Vandorn can now be found on the JHS webpage (www.johnsonhistoricalsociety.org.)

Budget: Kelly Vandorn reported the proposed budget for 2023-2024 has been turned into the Selectboard, who continue working on their budget.

Town Meeting Report: Lois Frey recorded one correction to the draft Annual Report and accepted the suggestion to quantify the number of items accessioned in the report. Kelly Vandorn will send the number to Lois, who will fix and send to Rosemary Audibert.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

*Buildings, Grounds and Facility Development: Tom Carney reported the alarm system maintenance is by Alarm Tech. Their status is not known. He gave Dick Simays a copy of the information available in the file on the system. Following discussion, it was surmised that one reason the alarm system on the telephone doesn't connect to the Sheriff's Department is that it might need to have 802 added to the telephone number. Lois Frey reported that the telephone is not being monitored and suggested it needed attention. Following discussion, it was decided that the person on Sunday duty could check the telephone and take appropriate action depending on the request. Others stopping by the office at other times can also check for calls and respond as appropriate.

*Collections and Program Development: Program Development: Linda Jones reported that the Red Hooper talk is all set January 22, 2022 at Jenna's House at 1 p.m.

Lois Frey reported she responded to Kathy Taylor from Kofile answering a procedure question and learned the two Civil War volumes will be ready by the end of February 2023.

*Revenue Development: Lois Frey reported that members were welcome to join the sub-committee for planning fundraising activities. Dennis Richards and Leslie Martin volunteered. Lois also mentioned that the Town Meeting was likely to be in-person. Using the previous protocol, Linda, Lois and Alice Whiting agreed to plan a JHS pie and cake sale at Town Meeting on March 7, 2023.

*Membership: Alice Whiting reported results on the Membership Drive to date: 37 memberships and responses continue to arrive. She is preparing an updated membership list. Leslie Martin volunteered to help with membership.

SECOND FLOOR OCCUPANCY COMMITTEE: The Committee has not met; however, Mary Jean had a meeting with Jim McDowell to discuss building renovations and/or preservation. Following discussion, it was agreed that at this time JHS would like to use the three front rooms and not the kitchen, bathroom, and backroom with the squishy floor. As far as getting the space ready for our occupancy, JHS has funds to help ready the identified space only. If a lift is required for JHS occupancy, JHS will be pay for that. Dean agreed to write a chronology of the JHS financial obligations prior to meeting with the Selectboard. It was suggested that JHS meet with one or two Selectboard members before taking any proposal to the full-board.

ACQUISITIONS:

Linda Jones shared 3 Janus Yearbooks, some Johnson State College ephemera, and a Sunday Book (1893) inscribed *To Styles children*.

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

Meeting minutes prepared by Lois Frey, Recording Secretary