

Johnson Historical Society Meeting
12 April 2023 at 9 AM at the Holcomb House

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

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Meeting minutes from 3.08.2023, following discussion: **It was moved, seconded, and approved to accept the 8 March 2023 minutes with two corrections fixed.**

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kelly Vandorn shared a copy of the JHS Budget sheet dated 4.10.2023 (attached to minutes) which shows a balance of \$34,711.43.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

*Holcomb House hosting schedule: April 23, 2023 Program: The Oread Club with Alice Whiting. May 14, 2023 House open with Dennis Richards and Leslie Martin doing genealogy. May 21, 2023 Garden Program: June 11, 2023 Dick Simays and Mary Jean Smith. June 25, 2023 Lois Frey and Alice Whiting.

*Social Media:

Facebook: Linda Jones reported the most recent Facebook page with 33 pictures is generating the most responses since she and Barbara Backus starting posting with 875 likes, 98 comments, and 18 shares as of 4.11.2023. They had 743 likes in the first two days.

Newsletter: Linda Jones reported she is working on the next newsletter. More to follow.

Webpage: Mary Jean Smith continues to work with Lydia Putvain. Jacob Vandorn is awaiting pictures from Ben Waterman to make the Ben & Stacey (3.26.2023) program suitable for posting on the webpage.

*Computer, printer, software replacement: Kelly Vandorn reported that Jacob Vandorn has setup the computer and printer and both are working well.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

*Building, Grounds, & Facility Development: Mary Jean Smith reported that Dennis Richards agreed to join the committee.

Other members are Dean West and Tom Carney. She suggested and all agreed that the Second Floor Occupancy (SFO) Committee should morph with the Building, Grounds & Facility Committee since there is so much overlap in the tasks.

Mary Jean Smith will continue as Chair. Mary Jean reported she met with Alan Lehouillier who volunteered to provide paint and to set up a JHS discount account. He also made a financial contribution to the historical society. Committee members met with Assistant Fire Marshall Shawn Goodell on March 8, 2023. Mary Jean shared

recommendations he made and subsequent information she has gathered. Report attached to minutes. She is waiting for responses from others which will become a part of the report for the Selectboard. Dick Simays shared that he and his son Barry would install the fire alarms and replace the exit lights which need to be corrected right away.

*Collections and Program Development: Programs set as previously discussed.

Accessioning continues most Monday mornings from 9 AM to noon. Kelly Vandorn shared the need for help, especially someone with computer input and photography skills as the accessioned collection expands.

*Revenue Development: Leslie Martin reported she has plans for 3 booklets, 1927 flood, a one-room school story, and a bee story. Following discussion, it was decided that booklets should be available **by donation**.

*Membership: Alice Whiting reported no new memberships this month.

Disposition of old computer hardware: Jacob Vandorn researched prices for used equipment. Following discussion, it was decided to sell the Dell laptop to Lois Frey for \$125 and to take the printer to the landfill.

Nominating Committee: Following discussion, volunteers for each office stepped forward creating a slate of new officers to be elected at the May meeting. President, Dick Simays; Vice President, Mary Jean Smith; Secretary, Lesley Martin; Treasurer, Kelly Vandorn; Membership Secretary, Alice Whiting.

ACQUISITIONS: No acquisitions.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.
Meeting minutes prepared by Lois Frey, Recording Secretary