

JOHNSON HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Meeting Minutes
13 September * 9 AM* Holcomb House

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

Dick Simays called the meeting to order at 9 AM.

Linda Jones presented a letter to all the volunteers who worked at the pie sales throughout the summer.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Meeting minutes from August 9, 2023. It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the August 9, 2023 minutes as printed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Kelly Vandorn reported that food sales at Tuesday Night Live grossed \$3,895.50 with approximately \$350.00 in expenses. Discussion requesting reimbursement for the financial shortfall. There was no financial report from the town.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

Discussion regarding the hosting schedule through Nov. 12, 2023. The Holcomb House will be closed Thanksgiving weekend. Linda Sinclair Jones reported she should have an update on the newsletter next week. There has been a great response to a photo album that was recently placed on Facebook. There is no further information regarding the website. Dick Simays introduced a road name request. It was moved, seconded, and approved to agree with the recommendation to name the road N. Highland Dr., Johnson, VT and advise the Selectboard of the decision.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- * Buildings, Grounds and Facility Development: Mary Jean Smith offered an update on the new additions to the landscaping including plant donations. Fall flowers will be added to the flower beds.
- * Collections and Program development: Linda reported work is being done to prepare for a presentation by Dean and Bobby West, "Shopping in Johnson in the 50's and 60's" on September 24, 2023 from 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm at the Holcomb House.
- * Revenue Development: the raffle is suspended until further notice.
- * Assessment Committee: will meet to work and organize the inventoried items in the unheated portion of the building starting on September 25 and continue until it becomes too cold.
- * Membership: no new members.
- * Pie Night summary: Linda Jones reported there were 96 pies sold for the season; trailer emptied, totes cleaned, misc. food supplies to be sold. Dean West has located a barn in Jeffersonville for storage of the trailer.
- * Second Floor Proposal: Mary Jean Smith reported that she had contacted Carl Rogers with the town and that the select board was aware of the proposal but they have been very busy with other matters.

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Dick Simays made a motion to replace the gas grill, up to \$250.00, Lois Frey seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

* Acquisitions: Linda Jones reported a plaque for the buggy cart donated previously by Bill Perkins is being completed at Great Big Graphics. Linda plans to go there with Bill and check if he still intends to pay for it. Two baseball caps were donated by Eric Osgood, one the 100th Anniversary of the Fire Dept, and the other the Power House Bridge. Brian Perkins donated five 1927 flood postcards, a Vermonter magazine about the 1927 flood, newspaper clippings about the flood in the Barre, Montpelier area and the acrylic painting done by Mary Bohn. A photo of Walt Shattuck's sugar house was donated by Barbara Sheltra. The story about sugaring, "He Sugars Likes That Because That Is The Way He Is" written by Lee Winchester was donated by Tom Mason. A Model of Town Hall/Opera House was donated by David Griswold. A shirt donated by Martha Vossler is an original TNL shirt from when TNL was held on the lawn of the Ben and Jerry's seconds store scoop shop (next to the Holcomb House.)

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

Meeting minutes prepared by Leslie Martin, recording Secretary