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JOHNSON HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING
FEB 14, 2024. HOLCOMB HOUSE

Board Members Present: Dick Simays, Linda Jones, Alice Whiting, Kelly Vandorn, Lois Frey, Dennis Richards

Board Members Not Present: Mary Jean Smith

Guest Present: Dean West

Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM by Board President

Meeting Agenda reviewed and accepted

Secretary's Report: Meeting minutes for Jan 10,2024 meeting reviewed and accepted

Treasures Report: No new financial report received from Town Clerk. Received bill from Local Electric. Town wrote a check for \$4650 for phase one repair work to be performed at Holcomb House (second floor) by Under The Eaves.

Hosting Schedule: Feb 27 - program on Quilting, March 8 - Mary Jean Smith, March 17 - Program (tentative-Nadeau's), April 12 - Kelly Vandorn.

Social Media - Facebook postings expected within the next couple of weeks

Holcomb House Renovation Discussion: Copies of the updated contract with Under The Eaves was distributed to board members in attendance. Discussion of the Johnson Selectboards' response to Under The Eaves contract (from Selectboard's 2/5/24 meeting). Discussion of how to address selectboard concerns to allow for contracted work to continue. Historical Society Board Chair will contact Selectboard Chair regarding specify selectboard concerns. Previous renovation quotes already approved by Johnson Selectboard were reviewed to compare with current quote from Under The Eaves.

Exit lights have been replaced. Fire Marshal recommended installing an Exit sign at the base of the stairwell by the front door.

Buildings,Grounds and Facility Development Report: (refer to Holcomb House Renovation Discussion)

Collections and Programs Development: Artifact organizing progressing. Office desk drawers have been organized and labelled.

Revenue Development: Lawn sale was proposed

Membership: 62 responses to membership drive. Mostly renewals, but one new member. Johnson Woolen Mills new member. About \$4000 total from membership drive.

Second Floor Occupancy Committee report: (refer to Holcomb House Renovation Discussion) Suggestion of checking state and other websites for possible purchase of storage related items (tables, shelving and bins).

Acquisitions: Two panes of glass from Brick House on Collins Hill (dating about 1868) donated by Laurie Persico. Very worn edition of "Vermonters Who Served In The Civil War" (by Martha Rainville - former Adjunct General for Vermont National Guard - Published 1998) donated by Bill Perkins.

Other Business - Extra copies of newsletter about Beards Hardware given to Beard family for grandchildren.

Lois Frey made a motion to create a policy stating - Publications prepared by the Johnson Historical Society are the property of the Johnson Historical Society and original files are not made available. Motion seconded by D Richards. Motion passed.

Dean West suggested the creation of a Historical Society Recorder. The objective to continue to record the ongoing events in Johnson and preserve them for future generations. Honorary Board Member Dean West has already recorded events from 1961 to 2020.

Alice Whiting made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Linda Jones. Motion passed. Meeting Adjourned.

Submitted by Interim Secretary Dennis Richards