

Johnson Historical Society Meeting
10 July 2024 at 9AM
Holcomb House

Present: Dick Simays, Mary Jean Smith, Alice Whiting, Linda Jones, Mike Dunham, Kelly Vandorn, & Lois Frey. Guest: Dean West

Dick Simays called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. There was one addition to the agenda. A request from Jessica Bickford about the Maple Museum at Lamoille County Field Days.

Secretary's Report: It was moved, seconded, and approved to accept the minutes from 12 June 2024 as printed.

Treasurer's Report: Kelly Vandorn reported the budget is in fine shape at year end with income exceeding expenses. There have been \$2,887 in donations since last report. The final numbers should be available at the August meeting.

Administrative Items:

*Visitation throughout the summer will be available by appointment. Call any JHS Trustee to make arrangements for a visit.

*Social Media:

Linda Jones reported that the new Facebook post (Johnson Class of 1959) has received a number of responses. Thank you, Linda and Barbara Backus.

Mary Jean Smith reported that the website is up to date with the 2024 Tuesday Night Live announcement posted. Kelly Vandorn reported that Jacob Vandorn is almost finished with his video programs editing with only a couple to go before they can be uploaded to the webpage.

Tuesday Night Live Planning: Tuesday Night Live got off to a good start on July 9, 2024 with the JHS Income totaling \$846. The 10-minute rain shower did not discourage any one or stop the show.

Standing Committee Reports

* Buildings, Grounds, and Facility Development: The screen for the Holcomb House front door was repaired by Alan Beard. A thank you is extended to Alan for completing the task. Kelly Vandorn will contact the Lettieri's requesting a clean-up on the second floor with Mary Jean Smith providing the to-do list to Kelly (kitchen shelves, windowsills, windows, woodwork, stairway railing etc.)

*Collections & Program Development: The committee plans to meet soon to plan the FY 2025 program Schedule.

*Revenue Development: Lois Frey reported that the final copy for the raffle tickets are set to be printed with the following prizes:

1. ***Camel's Hump*** by Georgia Balch, Yarn Art
2. ***Four Seasons*** by Laurie West McLean, a watercolor
3. ***Cocoa Time*** by Fred Swan, a print
4. Sap bucket with products from Butternut Mt Farm
5. Johnson Woolen Mill lap blanket

Ticket sales will start as soon as the tickets are printed and be available until 10 November 2024.

*Membership: Alice Whiting reported a 5-year family membership renewal.

Second Floor Report: Mary Jean reported that the entry foyer carpet will be removed when the weather is more suitable for doing the nasty job.

Field Days Request: Kelly Vandorn shared a request from Jessica Bickford asking if the Historical Society members would be interested in providing coverage at the Maple Museum during the Lamoille County Field Days. With a lack of clarity surrounding the request, it was suggested that George Cook, a former UVM Maple Specialist with extensive connections to Lamoille County's maple stakeholders, be contacted to help the group find appropriate volunteers.

Acquisitions:

Linda Jones shared a hand-crafted model built by David Griswald of the Johnson Pharmacy and the Beard Hardware Store. Both buildings have extraordinary detail and brought good memories to the JHS Trustees. David even had a replica of Hubert's Vespa parked in front of the store. There was a discussion about how best to display the entire Griswald collection. No action was taken. Thank you David!

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, 14 August 2024 at 9 AM.

Meeting minutes recorded by Lois Frey, Secretary