

Johnson Historical Society Meeting  
11 September 2024 at 9AM  
Holcomb House

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

Dick Simays called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Following review of the agenda one item was added by Mike Dunham to consider selling hotdogs at the 2025 Tractor parade.

Secretary's Report: It was moved, seconded, and approved to accept the minutes from August 14, 2024 as printed.

Treasurer's Report: Kelly Vandorn distributed the 9.10.2024 Town Budget report (attached with minutes.)

Administrative Items:

\*Holcomb House hosting schedule 2024:

Friday	September 13th	9 am to noon	Lois Frey
Sunday	September 22 <sup>nd</sup>	1 to 3 pm	Dick Simays (Elizabeth Dow program at 2 PM)
Friday	October 11th	9 am to noon	Mike Dunham
Sunday	October 27 <sup>th</sup>	2 to 4 pm at Jenna's House*	(Snowflake Bentley program 2 PM)
Friday	November 8 <sup>th</sup>	9 am to noon	Mary Jean Smith
Sunday	November 10 <sup>th</sup>	1 to 3 pm	Lois Frey (Veterans Recognition * Raffle Awards)
Sunday	November 24 <sup>th</sup>	Closed	Call for an appointment

\*Social Media: Linda Jones reported the most recent Facebook is receiving many hits. She also plans to send the next newsletter to Luciana next week.

Standing Committee Reports

\*Buildings, Grounds, and Facility Development: Mary Jean Smith reported that the bed donated by Mike Dunham has been cleaned up and delivered to its new location at the Holcomb House. Kelly Vandorn has spoken with the Lettieri's who will do a clean-up of the kitchen area. Once clean Mary Jean and Linda Jones will paint the room. Mary Jean also said the carpet in the stairwell has been removed and based on the condition of the area, the recommendation is to install laminate flooring rather than try to rehab it. Lois Frey reported that Blaine White, United States Steamer will clean and sanitize the stairway carpet on October 7<sup>th</sup>. She will coordinate the project.

\*Collections & Program Development

Collections: No report until accessioning starts again.

Program Development: Linda Jones reported a talk about how to clean your attic without destroying history by Elizabeth Dow will be held on September 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Holcomb House at 2 PM. She has also confirmed a presentation by Susan Richardson on Snowflake Bentley on October 27<sup>th</sup> at Jenna's House will be co-sponsored with the Johnson Library.

\*Revenue Development: Lois Frey reported the final income total for Tuesday Night Live food sales was \$5,005. The JHS Annual Fall Raffle is underway and going well. Raffle drawing will be November 10<sup>th</sup> at the Holcomb House during the Open House.

Mike Dunham's proposal to sell hotdogs at the 2025 Tractor Parade received a positive response and will be filed for future action with the Revenue Development Committee.

\*Membership: Alice Whiting reported receiving two, five-year memberships.

Open Meeting Law Update: Dick Simays shared information from Town Administrator, Thomas Galinat stating that volunteer groups, including the Historical Society are not required to tape record or video their meetings. Business as usual is fine.

Grant potential: Following a discussion about potential grant opportunities suggested by Randall Szott, Mike Dunham offered to discuss future steps with Town Administrator, Tom Galinat. Grant selection criteria is on file at the Holcomb House.

Acquisitions: Dick Cross has donated a Post Office mailbox, which came from the Bishop House along with a horseshoe and a very old tool. Mike Dunham plans to bring a bedside table for the bedroom display. He also confirmed that JHS wants a Plantation desk formally at the May House on Plot Road.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

*Next Meeting:* Wednesday, 9 October 2024 at 9 AM at the Holcomb House.

\*The Snowflake Bently program will be held at Jenna's House on 27 October 2024 with the Holcomb House being closed on that date.

Meeting minutes recorded by Lois Frey, Secretary