

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

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

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

Following review of the agenda no items were added.

Secretary's Report: It was moved, seconded, and approved to accept the minutes from November 13, 2024.

Treasurer's Report: Kelly Vandorn reported that the Town Expense/Revenue sheet for July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024 has not been released yet by Rosemary Audibert. She has not received the Annual Budget sheet.

Administrative Items:

*Holcomb House hosting schedule 2025: Dick Simays, January 10, 2025, 9 AM to noon. Linda Jones, January 26, 2025, 1 to 3 PM. Mary Jean Smith, February 14, 2025, 9 AM to noon. Lois Frey, February 23, 2025, 1 to 3 PM. Holcomb House may be opened by appointment at any time.

*Social Media: Linda Jones reported that a new Facebook posting will be up soon. The Winter 2025 newsletter is a work in progress.

Town Report: Lois Frey agreed to prepare & send the Annual Report to Susan Tinker by December 31, 2024.

Standing Committee Reports:

*Buildings, Grounds, and Facility Development: Mary Jean Smith volunteered to check-in with Don Blake for a cost estimate for installing an elevator to the second floor (based on his experience with the Noyes House.) Also to see if the 12.6.2023 estimates for repairs are still valid and to request his thoughts on the cost of the work needed on the Holcomb House roof. Dick Simays feels there is more to installing a banister on the stairway than he thought. Perhaps Don Blake could make a recommendation for the banister project.

*Collections & Program Development: Lois Frey reported that the Accessioning Committee resumed its work on December 2, 2024 and was able to catch up cataloguing the new donations. The next session will be January 6, 2025 at 9 AM.

The Program Committee delivered a terrific program for the 2024 Johnson Jubilee on Saturday, December 7, 2024 from 4 to 6 pm. Jacob Vandorn directed a 12-member group of Victorian Carolers, who sang Christmas carols at 4:15 pm, 4:45 pm, 5:15 pm and 5:45 pm. The Holcomb House was festive with new window candles, a Christmas tree, hot cider, and homemade cookies.

*Revenue Development: No news to report.

*Membership: Lois Frey reported for Alice that the annual membership letter has been prepared and sent out.

Acquisitions:

Lois Frey reported that she accepted four items from Dick Larose: a Howard Hill Memorial House outdoor sign, a 1918 Cobb calendar, and two cards made by Doris Stearns.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 8, 2025 at 9 AM at the Holcomb House.

Meeting minutes recorded by Lois Frey, Secretary