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MONTGOMERY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Minutes of Meeting
Public Safety Building, Montgomery Center

Wednesday, January 18, 2012 @ 5:30 PM

THESE ARE THE UNOFFICIAL MINUTES UNTIL APPROVED BY THE BOARD.

Board Members and Members Present:

Board Members - Scott Perry, Marijke Dollois, Sue Wilson, Elsie Saborowski, Parma Jewett,
Pat Farmer

Scott called the Meeting to order at 5:37 PM.

1. **Recognition visitors/guests:**

None

2. **This Month in Montgomery history:** Jan. 15, 1777 VT Independence Day; Jan. 22, 1835
Union Church consecrated by Bishop John Henry Hopkins.

3. **History Quiz:**

According to the 1900 Town Report Montgomery participated in a Poor House Association
with Bakersfield, Fairfax, Fletcher and Richford.

Which town had the most paupers? **Montgomery (7)**. And the least? **Richford (none)**.

4. **Show and Tell:**

Jay and Martha Shepard donation – an old map of Vermont

John Baker – genealogical information on original settlers of Montgomery

5. **The Main Event:**

Minutes:

Sue made a Motion, seconded by Pat to approve the Minutes of November 16, 2011 as
written; Motion was unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's Report – 01/18/11:

Checking balance	\$ 4,512.79
Savings Account – West Wall	\$ 1,700.09
Lalia Pratt Hays CD	594.98
Stained Glass windows CD.....	5,790.56
Michael Domina Print S/A.....	707.98

This report does not include –

- a) Funds received from the Eastman Foundation –
 \$2,500.00 towards the front hall restoration
 \$750.00 towards the summer concert series
- b) A \$100.00 donation towards oil refill from a member

Parma made a Motion, seconded by Marijke to approve the Treasurer's Report of January 18, 2012 as presented; Motion was unanimously approved.

Scott and Sue have been working on a preliminary budget for 2012 to be presented at the February meeting. The annual revenue is more than \$25,000; however, for tax purposes the IRS increased the requirement for tax filing to minimum revenue of \$50,000 for non-profit organizations.

Membership:

Marijke reported final membership for 2011: 221 members with a total contribution of \$11,710.00; the membership includes 6 honorary members, 15 new members, and 20 business partners; 26 2010 members did not renew.

Old business:

- A. Town History Book update – no further action; Jo Anne is still gathering information for the first draft.
- B. CEA – Marijke will be the contact person for the CEA gathering at Pratt Hall on January 20th.
- C. Review Events List – dates were reviewed and some changed – see attached.
- D. New Board Members – Sue nominated Patty Perl- nomination was unanimously approved. Scott will follow up with Stacy Manosh to ask her to join the Board.
- E. 2012 calendar – to date 121 calendars have been sold.

- F. Holiday weekend/Candles and Carols feedback – the Board would like to hear more traditional songs; they would also like Noela to consider recycling some of the old decorations to lower the cost.

Bernadette Early sent the following note to the Board:

“Thank you for the invitation to the Membership Holiday Gathering – very welcoming, delicious and beautiful. Also, Carols and Candles was enjoyable. A happy experience – a fond memory. Merry Christmas! Love and Blessings,
Bernadette Rose Early”

G. Radar scope:

- 1) Teaching American History Grant
- 2) Domina print fundraiser update
- 3) Old maps project.....making progress
- 4) Grant writing.....next year
- 5) VT History Expo (Civil War) – we registered \$50.00
- 6) Ave Leslie Presentation – Spring..... TBD
- 7) Speakers: Spring...Tortolano May 17th and Bennett TBD
- 8) Clayton Fuller artifacts/ephemera – nothing found so far

6. **New business:**

- A. Concerts/Piano purchase at February meeting
- B. Budget at February meeting
- C. Town Report input- Civil War Article, other ideas? The Board approved the article Scott prepared for the Town Report – very well done!
- D. Possible Beers Atlas and large County Map acquisition from Marsha Phillips – Scott to follow up.
- E. Sandwich Board – Dan Malloy will be asked to repair the Board. Scott will follow up. Parma offered to restore the MHS sign.

7. **Adjourn:**

Pat moved a Motion, seconded by Elsie to adjourn at 6:57 P.M. Said Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Marijke M. Dollois

MHS 2012 Dates
As of: 01/18/12

January 20th Friday – Celebration of Expressive Art meeting at Pratt Hall

March membership drive

May 17th Thursday @ 7:30 PM – Speaker Dr. William Tortalano on the Canadian Group of 7 Landscape Painting Movement, Pratt Hall

May 28th, Monday @ 10:00 AM - Annual Memorial Day Celebration, Hill West Cemetery (Tentative)

June 16th and 17th, Saturday and Sunday – VT History Expo at Tunbridge, VT

June 29th, Friday @ 6:00 PM - MHS Annual Meeting, Pratt Hall (Tentative)

August 24th, Friday @ 6:30 PM - Member Appreciation and Art Show Reception, Pratt Hall (Tentative)

August 25th, Saturday @ 9 AM – 3 PM Art Show and Sale, Pratt Hall (Tentative)

September - LLHS Award Nominations due

November - League of Local Historical Societies Annual Meeting

Dec. 14th, Friday @ 6:00 PM - Membership Holiday Social, Pratt Hall

Dec. 15th, Saturday @ 1 – 4 PM - Open House, Pratt Hall

Dec. 16th, Sunday @ 6:30 PM - Carols and Candles, Pratt Hall