



MONTGOMERY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Minutes of Meeting  
Public Safety Building, Montgomery Center

Wednesday, January 20, 2010 @ 5:30 PM

THESE ARE THE UNOFFICIAL MINUTES UNTIL APPROVED BY THE BOARD.

**Board Members and Members Present:**

Scott Perry, Bill McGroarty, Sue Wilson, Marijke Dollois, Jo Anne Bennett, Pat Farmer, Elsie Saborowski, Ken Secor

**Recognition of visitors/guests:** None

**Minutes of 11/18/09:**

Bill made a Motion, seconded by Pat to approve the Minutes of 11/18/09 with the following amendments:

B. Insurance Review

3<sup>rd</sup> Paragraph – Standard – more expensive...it costs 50% more...

5<sup>th</sup> Paragraph – the deductibles for both Standard and Special forms should read: \$5,000.00, not \$1,000.00

6<sup>th</sup> Paragraph – delete ...the minimum coverage under the policy is \$3,000.00...

7<sup>th</sup> Paragraph – add: The new fees for a Special Form Policy would be for Pratt Hall only:

Motion was unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer's Report – 01/20/10:

Checking balance .....	\$ 8,615.36
Lalia Pratt CD .....	588.73
Capital Improvement CD .....	1,905.36
Stained Glass windows CD.....	5,729.71
Savings balance – Domina picture .....	226.48

Line of Credit balance owed ..... \$ 12,620.00

61 Affinity Members signed up as of 12/31/09

Checking balance as of 12/31/09: ..... \$ 9,291.17

Ken made a Motion, seconded by Elsie to approve the Treasurer's Report of January 20, 2010 as written; Motion was unanimously approved.

Scott and Sue prepared a Revenue/Expense report for 2009. A discussion took place regarding various items; on the Revenue Page – line 18 Loans \$17,000.00 and on the Expense Page – line 65 Loan/Debt Service \$17,000.00 should be deducted from the total as this amount is not

considered Revenue or Expense. This changes the Revenue total to \$21,171.33 and the Expense total to \$14,171.23. No other changes were made. A proposed budget for 2010 was also presented; again, the \$17,000.00 Loan should not be included under Revenue or Expenses. A final budget will be presented for approval and adoption at the next meeting.

**Membership Update:**

Marijke reported that \$150.00 in memberships had already been received for 2010.

**Old Business:**

A. Pratt Hall –

- 1) Fire extinguisher and electrical work – completed.
- 2) Front entryway project –

A) Status – What’s in Store

A detailed statement of work required has to be presented to the Preservation Trust for approval to be signed by the Trust and MHS. Three bids are required but it is not necessary to award the work to the lowest bidder. Scott has been in touch with Jan Lewandowski who will prepare a description of the work to be done for the Preservation Trust; he has expressed interest in being one of the bidders.

- B) Letter to Eastman Foundation – Scott presented a proposed letter to the Foundation asking for \$7,500 which would be the matching fund to the Preservation Trust Grant. The letter mentioned the possibility of payment over two years – 2010 and 2011. Sue made a Motion, seconded by Jo Anne to approve the letter as written and send it to the Eastman Foundation; Motion was unanimously approved.

- C) Clock – the clock is not chiming correctly and needs some work; it was decided to wait until Spring for some warmer weather.

B. Insurance Update:

Ken Secor and Pat Farmer recommend the existing P&C (property and casualty) policy for Pratt Hall and Heaton House be rewritten to eliminate the current co-insurance penalties and accept the new quote as shown below, using the \$5,000 deductible:

Bldg limits are at 80% of ACV:

Pratt Hall	Repl Cost = \$1,044,905	ACV = \$835,924	80% quoted = \$669,000
Heaton House	Repl Cost = \$ 166,499	ACV = \$99,900	80% quoted = \$80,000

Business Personal Property limit is \$0.00 at both locations

Additional Sign coverage endorsement has been eliminated

Resulting quote is as follows: \$5,000.00 deductible annual premium \$1,476.00.

Sue made a Motion, seconded by Bill to change the current insurance policy with Hull Insurance Agency to a Special Form Policy with a \$5,000.00 deductible, with a \$0.00 Business Personal Property Limit and no coverage for the outside sign, and to authorize Pat or Ken to represent the MHS Board in contact with Hull Insurance Agency and to sign the essential insurance documents. Motion was unanimously approved.

Bill thanked Ken and Pat on behalf of the Board for all their work and recommendations.

C. Carols and Candles:

The event was considered a great success with a large attendance and very positive feedback to Andrew Massey’s presentation and participation of members of the Vermont Youth Orchestra.

D. Domina print fundraiser – 10 paid for and given to the Artist, 17 sold, 23 remaining of the first 50 for a profit of \$226.48. We have authority to print 50 more in the future.

E. Things to keep on the radar scope – No action taken

- Butler Decorative Cloth/Ledgers from Parker Store – Bill B
- Old Maps Project - Scott
- Grant writing
- Elders Night III
- 2010 History Expo – “Back To The Land, Again!”
- Town History Book Update - Jo Anne
- T Shirt/Polo Shirt
- Archives Update, Policy Straw Man – Scott, Parma

5. **New Business:**

A. Regional Society Meeting Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> @ 1 PM – Scott will attend.

B. Robert Farrar – Black Falls photos

Robert Farrar currently lives in Orleans, VT but was brought up on Black Falls Road and has several historical photographs which he is considering donating to the MHS. Scott and Parma will be in touch with him.

C. Town Report Article – the Select Board voted to include an article with photographs on the old stagecoach in the 2010 Town Report.

D. Pratt Hall Rental Policy (Backup Policy) – Scott made a proposal to request a \$100.00 deposit for Pratt Hall rental as a backup location for weddings in case of inclement weather. This deposit would be refunded if the reservation is cancelled 2 weeks before the event. Furthermore, a confirmed reservation for the backup date will take priority and the backup reservation would need to be committed to or would be cancelled with \$100.00 to be refunded in that case.

6. **Adjourn:**

Bill moved and Pat seconded a Motion to adjourn at 6:52 P.M. Said Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marijke M. Dollois