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MONTGOMERY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Minutes of Meeting
Pratt Hall, Montgomery

Wednesday, July 17, 2013 @ 5:30 PM

THESE ARE THE UNOFFICIAL MINUTES UNTIL APPROVED BY THE BOARD.

Board Members and Members present:

Board Members – Scott Perry, Bill McGroarty, Sue Wilson, Marijke Dollois, Pat Farmer, Tim Chapin, Elsie Saborowski, Jo Anne Bennett, John Beaty

Scott called the Meeting to order at 5:31 PM.

1. **Recognition visitors/guests:**

None

2. **This Month In History:**

1802 - Montgomery's first Town government organized. 1894 - Lottie Baker kills her four children and attempts to kill her husband; sentenced to the State Asylum for the Insane.

3. **History Quiz:**

Everyone knows about the conflict over ownership of VT lands between NY and NH. Did any other colonies ever claim VT lands? **MA and CT.**

4. **Show and Tell:**

None

5. **The Main Event:**

Minutes:

Sue made a Motion, seconded by Pat to approve the Minutes of June 19th, 2013 as written; Motion was unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's Report – 05/15/13:

Checking balance \$ 6,978.71
Stained Glass Windows CD..... 10,818.02
West Wall Savings Account \$ 34,359.61

80 Affinity members

Sue made the request to close the Stained Glass Windows CD due to its very low interest – this can be done without any penalty – and move the fund into the West Wall Savings Account which has a slightly higher interest rate but were it would be compounded at a higher level. Tim made a Motion, seconded by Jo Anne to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented and move the funds as requested by Sue to the savings account which will now be called the Stained Glass Windows and West Wall Savings Account; Motion was unanimously approved.

Membership:

169 members; 8 new members* and 13 business partners; \$10,336.00. A membership reminder letter will be prepared by Marijke and sent out late July, early August.

* Number of new members as being 11 in previous reports was incorrect.

Old business:

- A. Annual Meeting debrief – The feedback is that everyone enjoyed the Meeting. Scott mentioned this was the last time Parma prepared the food and that we'll have to start thinking about other options.
- B. Town History Book update – Scott received the latest version from the printer for review. He asked for a unit price without the attachments, but doesn't think it will make much difference. The Board unanimously agreed to go ahead with the project; it is not regarded as a fundraiser but part of the Society's mission. The consensus was to have 500 copies printed to be confirmed at the next meeting when further costs will be available. Timing is of the essence and it would be nice to have the book available for the holidays.
- C. Capital Campaign –
 - a) Preservation Trust of Vermont retreat – Scott and Tim attended the two-day retreat and learned that there is money available from various organizations, some of which would have to be sponsored and then administered by the Town; Sue and Marijke attended the first day along with Nick Barletta on behalf of the committee to rescue the Baptist Church in the Center.
 - b) Fundraising status - \$13,370 in pledges have been received with \$8,885 in cash; more is coming in every day. Marijke keeps track of pledges and payments received and reports with a spreadsheet to Scott, who issues a thank you and pledge payment envelope if necessary. Marijke sends a receipt and thank you for every payment received. Scott and Tim will disseminate totals to the Committee and Board members. As with our membership, the privacy of our donors will be protected.
 - c) Tim formed a West Wall Committee with Scott, Bill, Pat, Sue and Marijke. Meetings have been held with the Board to be informed of what's happening
 - Scott and Bill will inquire about government and institutional grants available
 - Sue, Marijke and Patty will prepare a list of regional and local businesses to be approached for contributions (corporate)

- Fundraising will be done at every event; at the last concert Karen Frascella's name was drawn from the pledges and won a limited Domina print of Pratt Hall; this drawing will be repeated at the next two concerts
 - Sue has contacted a company that engraves bricks to be placed in our path for contributions of \$100; the plan is to promote these bricks at the HarvestFest
 - A solicitation letter with brochure will be sent to the full mailinglist which is based on the Town's grandlist (members and non-members) in September to inform the recipients of the campaign; Scott will prepare the brochure and Marijke the letter; the brochure can also be used as a handout at events
 - Press release will be sent to all local newspapers at the time of the mailing
 - T-shirts will be available at events for \$10.00
 - Pat will organize a musical event in September
 - Elsie will organize a dinner event at the end of October
 - A glass jar will be given to those who are interested in saving their cash over a year
 - There will be a membership appreciation night in November
 - A silent auction and raffle will be organized
 - Tim will meet with Stacy Manosh, Everett McGinley, Daniel Picotte and Hugh McAdams who have agreed to be advisors to the Committee after Tim returns from his trip in early August
 - Recognition of donors to be discussed at the next committee meeting
- D. Regional Expo Plans Aug. 10th, Enosburg Opera House – posters will be displayed at various locations in Town. Information on the bricks and availability of the jars will be promoted at the Expo.
- E. August 24th Open House/Exhibit – a day to promote the WWCC; Scott asked for Board Members to be present if possible.
- F. VCBS Meeting September 28th – no further information
- G. Former Baptist Church – a grassroots organization “Montgomery Town Association” has been formed to rescue the former Baptist Church in Montgomery Center and to determine its future use; Board members are: Everett McGinley - President, Marijke Dollois – Vice President, Nick Barletta – Treasurer, Sue Wilson – Secretary. Sue made a Motion, seconded by Jo Anne for the MHS to fund the application for listing of the former Baptist Church on the National Register of Historic Places at a cost of ± \$200. Motion was unanimously approved.
- F. Heaton House Painting and Shed Demolition – Ezra Worthington Aug. 10th and 11th – Men with Tools have replaced most of the clapboards on the wall facing the road; further work to be done next week.
- Z. Reminders:
- 1) Teaching American History Grant – no report
 - 2) Domina prints – no report
 - 3) Old maps project – no report
 - 4) Possible Beers Atlas and large Franklin County Map acquisition – no report
 - 5) Stanton Memorial Gift...Cash/Granite Bench – no report
 - 6) MHS Sign – Parma is still working on it
 - 7) 2014 VT History Expo

6. **New business:**
 - a) Scott presented a new logo showing the three different names with dates of Pratt Hall; logo was approved by the Board.
 - b) Thermometer placed on the front lawn shows all monies received and pledges.

7. **Adjourn:**

Pat made a Motion, seconded by Sue to adjourn at 6:40 P.M. Said Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Marijke M. Dollois

MHS 2013 EVENTS & DATES

Directors meet the third Wednesday of each month at Pratt Hall (April-October) or the Montgomery Public Safety Building (November-March).

Members are welcome.

2013

- August 3** Concert By The Common #2. Pratt Hall, 8:00 PM. Green Mountain Chorus; barbershop singing at its finest.
- August 10** Regional Expo at Enosburg Opera House
- August 10-11** (Tentative) BSA Eagle Scout Community Service Project to paint the former Heaton House
- August 17** Concert By The Common #3. Pratt Hall, 8:00 PM. "Lake Street Dive". An amazing young jazz/pop quartet featured on "Prairie Home Companion".
- August 31** HarvestFest Open House/Tours. Pratt Hall.
- Sept. 27** Pratt Hall – wedding rehearsal Lavery/Stanley
- Sept. 28** Pratt Hall – wedding Lavery/Stanley
- Sept. 28** Vermont Covered Bridges Society Annual Meeting, Town Hall (Sponsored by MHS), Tours of Pratt Hall that afternoon
- Sept.** LLHS nominations due
- Nov. 1** LLHS Annual Meeting
- Dec. 22** Carols and Candles – Pratt Hall 5:00 PM

2014

- June 21-22** Vermont history Expo. Theme is "Artist and Artisans: Vermont's Creative Heritage." Tinbridge Firgrounds
- July** Wedding rehearsal Nelson. Pratt Hall
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