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

Wednesday, November 17, 2010 @ 5:30 PM

THESE ARE THE UNOFFICIAL MINUTES UNTIL APPROVED BY THE BOARD.

Board Members and Members Present:

Board Members Scott Perry, Sue Wilson, Marijke Dollois, Pat Farmer, Jo Anne Bennett, Elsie Saborowski, Parma Jewett, Tim Chapin, Ken Secor

Scott called the Meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Recognition visitors/guests:

Rebecca Cummins

Show and Tell: Letters and photographs from Betty Stanton and Katherine Grub; St. Albans Museum Newsletter, Vermont Magazine article, St. Albans Messenger special section. Scott showed a photograph of the Savanard Jewett home at the end of Hill West, the location of the current Sue Bennett home.

Minutes:

Sue made a Motion, seconded by Ken to approve the Minutes of October 20, 2010 as written; Motion was unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's Report – 11/17/10:

Checking balance	\$ 5,236.21
Lalia Pratt Hays CD	592.11
Stained Glass windows CD	5,762.67
Capital Improvements CD	5,000.00
Michael Domina Print S/A.....	582.62

No loan balance.

73 Affinity members

Pat made a Motion, seconded by Parma to approve the Treasurer's Report of November 17, 2010 as presented; Motion was unanimously approved.

Membership:

Marijke reported a membership of 212 for a total of \$10,095.00 received, this includes 19 business partners and 14 new members.

Old business:

A. Pratt Hall

- 1) Front entryway project update – the expected start date of the work is now early December.
- 2) Clock – a new clock specialist will come and inspect the clock after Thanksgiving. Bernadette Early provided Scott with information about the clock repair in a church on Nantucket, including the website “americlock.org”. This organization is located in St. Louis, MO and provides consultations and repair throughout the country.

B. Town History Book – No further update at this time; Jo Anne is still compiling information.

C. Members Appreciation/Open House

Invitations will be sent out to all members for a gathering on Friday, Dec. 17th at 6:00 PM. Wine, food and other non-alcoholic beverages will be provided.

There will be an Open House on Saturday, Dec. 18th from 1-4 PM. This is the same day when there will be an Open House at the new Town Garage from 10 AM – 2 PM.

D. Candles and Carols – Sunday, Dec. 19th at 5 PM. Cookies and cider will be provided.

E. Planned Giving – a prototype of an informational brochure will be ready at the next meeting. Scott and Tim are working on this project.

F. Notable Montgomerians / Prototype Gazetteer

Scott distributed a list of names of notable Montgomerians gleaned from the Town history; this is a work in progress and will be available on the MHS website.

Scott also distributed a list of buildings in town showing their original names and subsequent names. He asked the board members for updated information to make the list as complete as possible.

G. LLHS Meeting – Betty Stanton was presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award. Scott attended a paper restoration seminar.

H. Radar scope

- MES visit
- Teaching American History Grant
- Domina print fundraiser update
- Old maps project
- Grant writing
- Archives update- policy draft
- Pratt Hall Rental Policy (Backup Policy)
- Future Tunbridge off-year regional event
- MHS hosting next regional Societies meeting in May

New business:

1. Scott asked the board for suggestions for this year's Town Report article – a possibility is the history of the water system.
2. Rebecca Cummins presented a brochure of “Celebration of Expressive Arts” (CEA) which is an adult forum for regional writers, artists, musicians, dramatists, and dancers to share their own original work in a community of expressive artists. Several events have taken place at Trout River Traders and the Grange; the next one will be at Jay Village Inn. She asked if it would be possible to hold an event at Pratt Hall. The Board was in favor of hosting an event if the location is suitable for the CEA needs; a possible time would be in Spring, when the water will be reconnected. Scott and Rebecca will meet Thursday morning to view Pratt Hall.

Adjourn:

Ken moved and seconded by Sue a Motion to adjourn at 6:35 P.M. Said Motion passed unanimously.

No meeting in December; next meeting Wednesday, January 19, 2011 - 5:30 PM at PSB

Respectfully submitted,
Marijke M. Dollois