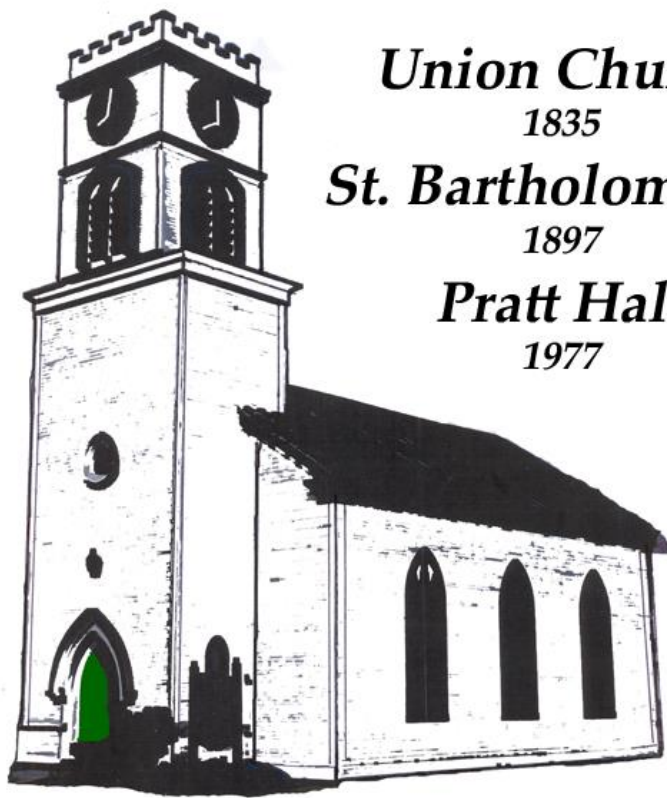


Montgomery Historical Society



Union Church

1835

St. Bartholomew's

1897

Pratt Hall

1977

2014 Annual Meeting

3:00 PM Social Time

*4:00 PM Buffet Dinner
under the Tent.*

*5:00 Chairman's Report,
Business Meeting, and
Elections*



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Minutes of Annual Meeting
Pratt Hall, Montgomery

Friday, June 28, 2013 @ 6:00 PM

THESE ARE THE UNOFFICIAL MINUTES UNTIL APPROVED BY THE BOARD.

Attendees:

John and Sandra Beaty
Bob Bonnell
John and Pen Bridgman
Ted and Elaine Bruckner
Tim and Winston Chapin-Lewis
Mags Conant
Rebecca Cummins
Suzanne Dollois
Marijke and Charlie Dollois-Fichman
Barry and Viola East
Carol and Pat Farmer
Steve and Catherine Hays
Andre and Rosalia Labier
Ken and Ruby Leslie
Stacy Manosh
Andrew and Sabra Massey

Everett McGinley
Bill McGroarty
Patty Perl
Scott and Sharon Perry
Guests Perry
Lisa and Curtt Perry
Sue and Tony Peters
Titus and Jane Pressler
Rick and Kathy Ross
Lutz and Elsie Saborowski
Ken and Jaye Secor
Randy and Don Villeneuve
Jake and Michelle Webster-Legault
Sue Wilson
Jessica & Ben Dillner
Parma Jewett
Ave Leslie

The Board and Members met at Pratt Hall at 6:00 P.M. for the social gathering and dinner prior to the Annual Meeting.

Board Members:

Scott Perry, Sue Wilson, Marijke Dollois, Pat Farmer, Elsie Saborowski, Bill McGroarty, Patty Perl, John Beaty, Tim Chapin, Ken Secor

Members:

See list attached.

Scott called the Meeting to order at 6:55 PM with a powerpoint presentation.

1. The Meeting opened with music played on an Edward Smith organ made in Montgomery in 1888 on Black Falls Road. There are few organs still in existence in Vermont that were built by Edward Smith – one in Hardwick (1888) that is still being used, and one in the Congregational Church in East Fairfield (1877) that is no longer functioning. Scott, Bill McGroarty and John Beaty attended a mini-concert in Hardwick earlier in the week which was part of the 58th national convention of the Organ Historical Society in Burlington.

Scott acknowledged the passing of long-time members in the past year: Denise Stepanek, Betty Stanton and Agatha Blodgett.

2. **This Month In History:**

150 years ago in Montgomery History:

- July 3-5 Battle of Gettysburg
- 18 men of the 2nd VT Infantry Brigade, all in the 13th Inf. Regiment
- 2 men in the 1st Cavalry Brigade, 1st VT Cav. Regiment

3. **History Quiz:**

Over 35,000 Vermonters served in the Civil War. Of those over 28,000 served in Vermont units.

How many were named John Smith?

a. 10 b. 17 c. 27 **d. 41**

How many from/credited to Montgomery? **1**

4. **2013 Scholarship:**

Ben Dillner - \$500.00 Ben will be going to Cornell University and study plant science. He thanked the Society for the scholarship.

5. **The Main Event:**

Minutes:

Sue made a Motion, seconded by Ken to approve the Minutes of June 29, 2012 as written; Motion was unanimously approved.

Membership:

| | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 |
|--------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------|
| | 12 mos. | 12 mos. | 12 mos. | To-date |
| Total | 220 | 221 | 220 | 160 |
| New | 15 | 15 | 11 | 12 |
| Dues | \$10,500 | \$11,700 | \$11,485 | \$8,951 |
| Mean | \$50 | \$55 | \$52 | \$55 |
| Median | \$25 | \$35 | \$35 | \$35 |
| Email list | 120± | 140± | 140± | 140± |
| Bus. Members | 20 | 19 | 19 | 11 |

Marijke thanked the membership for their support.

Scott further presented a breakdown of membership as to where they are from: 20 VT towns including 8 in Franklin County, 16 states, the District of Columbia, 2 Canadian provinces and 3 foreign countries (other than Canada).

Treasurer's Report:

As of December 31, 2012:

Revenue*:

2008 - \$18,924 2009 - 21,171 2010 - \$23,301 2011 - \$41,309 2012 - \$31,705

Expenses:**

2008 - \$18,442 2009 - 31,171 2010 - \$11,884 2011 - \$43,880 2012 - \$24,403

* Includes sales, grants, donations, but not loans

** Includes Debt Service

As of June 21, 2013:

| Assets* | June 23, 10 | June 15, 11 | June 26, 12 | June 21, 13 |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|
| - General Fund Acct. | \$10,708.28 | \$11,313.63 | \$ 11,320.00 | \$ 7,104.00 |
| - Scholarship Acct. | \$ 590.55 | 593.66 | 595.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| - West Wall Project | \$ 0.00 | 0.00 | 14,374.00 | \$ 26,394.00** |
| - Stained Glass Window Acct. | \$ 5,747.51 | 5,777.75 | 5,800.00 | \$10,816.00 |
| - Sales of Domina print | \$ 276.53 | 582.80 | 708.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| | \$17,322.87 | 18,267.84 | 32,797.00 | |

Liabilities

- Mortgage/Loans \$ None Nade Zilch Zero
 * MHS property assessed at \$348,300.00 **Includes TD Bank Affinity donation

80 TD Bank Affinity members

Pre-approved line of credit available \$20,000.00

Events, Projects, Programs:

- The Book, 3rd edition getting ever closer
- Website/facebook/you-tube
- Concerts By The Common
- Regional History Expo in Enosburg – the MHS will present a display of period dress
- August Open House

- Heaton House Eagle Scout Project – a quilt block will be painted on the wall facing the road
- Hosting VT Covered Bridge Society Annual Meeting
- Candles and Carols Holiday weekend
- VT History Expo 2014 – “Artists and Artisans: Vermont’s Creative Heritage

2013 Concerts By The Commons:

July 13 - Eric Despard Trio

August 3 - Green Mountain Chorus

August 17 - Lake Street Dive

25th year – thanks Steve!

Parma will be supplying fans for sale at \$1.00 each with a reproduction of a Creamery Bridge photo.

Presentation of the Board:

Scott Perry, Chairman

Bill McGroarty, Vice Chairman

Marijke Dollois, Secretary

Sue Wilson, Treasurer

Jo Anne Bennett

Elsie Saborowski

Bill Branthoover

John Beaty

Parma Jewett

Pat Farmer

Tim Chapin

Ken Secor

Patty Perl

A Motion was made by Stacy Manosh, seconded by Steve Hays to accept the slate as presented; Motion was unanimously approved.

State of the Society:

The state of our Society is very good. Scott reviewed the 2012-2013 accomplishments and thanked Ted Bruckner, Tim Murphy, Steve Hathaway and Charlie Fichman for the painting and repairs to Pratt Hall.

Financials:

Membership income is steady. A big help is the annual Eastman Charitable Foundation contribution to the concert series and the TD Bank Affinity Program to our general fund. The Society has no debt, but will need some big grants for the west wall.

Scott gave an enlightened presentation of the structural problems on the west wall – cracks, a bulge in the wall and separation of beams, especially above the center stained glass window. Tim Chapin, as head of the Capital Campaign Committee presented an estimate of the projected repair cost of \$150,000; so far there is \$37,000 in a CD Account, which means the MHS needs to raise \$113,000.00. He appealed to the members present to join the committee or present fundraising ideas. Pledge sheets were available; several members have offered to match the amount pledged at this Annual Meeting and Tim encouraged the audience to participate.

Comments/Questions:

John Beaty thanked Scott for the presentation and all his hard work – “You do a heck of a job!”

Presentation:

Scott then introduced Averill Leslie who made a presentation on “Collaborative Democracy – From New England Town Hall Meeting to Occupy Wall Street.”

Adjourn:

The Meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted
Marijke Dollois

Montgomery Historical Society

Membership Summary

As of: June 18, 2014

| | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014... |
|---------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------|
| Total | | | | | | |
| New | 215 | 220 | 221 | 220 | 209 | 141 |
| Dues | 6 | 15 | 15 | 11 | 9 | |
| Mean | \$10,535 | \$10,500 | \$11,700 | \$11,485 | \$12,391 | \$7,961 |
| Median | \$50 | \$50 | \$55 | \$52 | 55 | |
| email list | \$25 | \$25 | \$35 | \$35 | 50 | |
| Business Mbrs | 115 + | 120+ | 140+ | 140+ | 140+ | |
| | | 20 | 19 | 19 | 15 | |



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Membership Summary

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20 VT towns (8 in Franklin County)
16 states
The District of Columbia
2 Canadian Provinces, &
3 foreign countries (other than Canada)



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Treasurer's Report

| Assets* | Jun 15, 11 | Jun 26, 12 | Jun 21, 13 | Jun 18, 14 |
|------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| - General Fund | \$11,313 | \$11,320 | \$ 7,104 | \$ 2,003 |
| - Scholarship | \$593 | \$595 | \$ - | \$ - |
| - West Wall Pjct | | \$14,374** | \$26,394** | \$119,451** |
| - Stained Glass | \$5,777 | \$5,800 | \$10,816 | \$ - |
| - Domina Pt | <u>\$582</u> | <u>\$708</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> |
| | \$18,265 | \$32,797 | \$44,314 | \$121,454 |
| Liabilities | | | | |
| - Mortg/Loans | Nada | Zilch | Zero | Zero |

* MHS property assessed at \$378,400.00 **Includes Affinity donation



80 TD Bank Affinity Members
Pre Approved Line Of Credit Available - \$20,000.00

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Treasurer's Report

| | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 |
|------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Revenue* | \$21,171 | \$23,301 | \$41,309 | \$31,705 | \$85,320 |
| Expenses** | \$31,171 | \$11,884 | \$43,880 | \$24,403 | \$20,185 |

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** Includes Debt Service



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ARTICLE II

MISSION and PURPOSE

Section 1: The Mission of the Montgomery Historical Society is to enhance the Town of Montgomery and the knowledge of its history by preserving the past, exploring the present, and preparing for the future.

Section 2: The Purpose of the Montgomery Historical Society shall be to:

Preserve Pratt Hall, structures, artifacts and memorabilia of historical interest to residents of the Town of Montgomery and friends of the area;

Provide a venue for local exhibits and for artists and artisans to share their talents;

Sponsor programs that foster knowledge of the history and heritage of the Town and State, preserve town history, and foster cultural events and a sense of community;

Annually award scholarships to a graduating high school senior (12th grade) from Montgomery going on to post-high school education as funds allow.

Section 3. All programs will be available to the general public.

West Wall Capital Campaign Donors

“On behalf of the West Wall Capital Campaign Committee, THANK YOU. This is a great little community, that has only to be asked, and whatever the goal, it's done.”

Tim Chapin, WWCCC Chairman

The Board of Directors wishes to acknowledge the cash contributions from the following donors. Thank you:

Major General Richard Montgomery Level: \$10,000+

Eastman Charitable Foundation – William C. Hays Esq.

John M. Quinn – In Memory of Joe and Irene Scott

The Vermont Dept. for Historic Preservation

Colonel Jacob Bailey and General Moses Hazen Level: \$ 5,000 - \$ 9,999

Pat and Carol Farmer

Scott and Sharon Perry – In Memory of Lavona Shea

Captain Joshua Clapp Level: \$ 1,000 - \$ 4,999

Anonymous

Tim Chapin and Winston Lewis

Gordon Cross

Marijke Dollois

Hanson & Doremus Investment Management, Inc. – Eric Hanson

Jonathan J. Heaton

Johnson Woolen Mills – Stacy Manosh

William and Noela McGroarty

Patricia Perl

Tony and Sue Peters

Nelson Goodspeed Level: \$ 500 - \$ 999

Ronald Dovel and Thomas Lahr

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Joel Clapp Level: \$ 250 - \$ 499

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Anthony J. Piscitelli and Diana O'Brien
Lutz and Elsie Saborowski
Bob and Corinne Soden

Savanard Jewett Level: \$ 100 - \$249

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John and Sandra Beaty
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Tony and Ruth Shine
Steve Stancyk
Elizabeth Rawlinson Sundell

Charles Haile Level: To \$ 99

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Anonymous
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Sueann M. Bennett
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Tony and Suzanne Whedon
Sue Wilson

Art and Susan Ritas
June Horak Rosenberg
Charlotte Rosshandler
Baldur (Val) Schadinger
Douglas and Linda Skinner
Patricia Sorrell
The Inn, Nick Barletta
Cordelia Von Conta

Major General Richard Montgomery (1738-1776), for whom the Town of Montgomery was named.

Colonel Jacob Bailey started the road now known as Hazen's Notch Road in 1776. It was continued by General Moses Hazen in 1779 and became known as the Bayley-Hazen Military Road.

Captain Joshua Clapp, Revolutionary War soldier, and his new bride Abigail (Naby) were the first settlers in Montgomery in 1793.

Nelson Goodspeed left an endowment to St. Batholomew's Church (formerly Union Church and now Pratt Hall) and in 1874 a stained glass window was installed in memory of his parents Salva and Sarshena Goodspeed.

The Reverend Joel Clapp was the first child born in Montgomery on September 4, 1793. He was the son of Joshua and Naby (Barnard) Clapp. He was the first minister of the Episcopal Union Church (now Pratt Hall) and honored in the chancel stained glass window.

Savanard (Savannah) Jewett, along with his brother Sheldon built the Montgomery covered bridges between 1863 and 1890 based on the Town lattice truss design.

Charles Haile, the first man from Montgomery to give his life in the Civil War, December 25, 1862.

The Board of Directors thanks the following donors for purchasing an engraved walkway brick(s):

Julie Adams
John L. Baker
Paul and Janice Ballou
Chris and Nancy Bataille
Belisle Viens Associates PC
Jo Anne and David Bennett
Joshua H. Bennett
Lawrence & Diane Betts
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Don and Rosemary McGowan
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MHS
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Cordelia Von Conta
Christine and Bill Weiss
Sue Wilson
Frank W. Wirth
Cheryl and David Wisell
Jamie Wright

The Board of Directors also wants to thank the many people and businesses, too numerous to name, that have participated in, and helped sponsor, our other fundraising initiatives over the past year. Including:

3 poker tournaments
2 dinners
A quilt raffle
A craft and vendor show and sale

A silent auction
T-shirt, calendar, and ball cap sales
A dance
Jelly Jars