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

Wednesday, October 16, 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, John Beaty

Scott called the Meeting to order at 5:33 PM.

1. **Recognition visitors/guests:**

None

2. **This Month In History:**

1809 – Measures were taken to build/lease first school

1973 – MHS bylaws drafted and adopted

3. **History Quiz:**

Where was the Crescent Theater? **The Grange Hall**. In 1929 dances with live orchestras were held every Thursday night there. What event was held every Wednesday and Saturday? **Motion pictures**.

4. **Show and Tell:**

Scott presented a picture of a fire truck ca. 1953 featuring Dean Scott and Billy Baker.

At the last Regional Meeting in St. Albans Scott met Ginger Phelps who has ties with Montgomery through the Marcy family. She gave him copies of photos taken around the turn of the century of the current Phineas Swann and the Marcy house at the corner of Rte. 118 and Regan Road.

5. **The Main Event:**

Minutes:

Sue made a Motion, seconded by Elsie to approve the Minutes of September 18, 2013; Motion was unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's Report – 10/16/13:

Checking balance..... \$ 4,508.97

Stained Glass - West Wall Savings Account \$ 55,658.99

80 Affinity members

Marijke made a Motion, seconded by Tim to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented;
Motion was unanimously approved.

Membership:

No report

Old business:

A. West Wall Capital Campaign

- 1) Financial Report – see Treasurer's Report above; Marijke gave Sue additional checks at the meeting which brings the total closer to \$60,000.00
- 2) Sub Committee Reports
 - a. Institutional (Private/Government) –
 - 1 grant has been submitted - \$20,000 VT Div. for Historic Preservation grant.
 - 3 grant applications are in the works:
 - Vermont Community Foundation Walter Cerf Grant.
 - Vermont Community Foundation Small & Inspirational grants
 - Eastman Charitable Trust
 - b. Commercial/Corporate – no report yet; a letter has been prepared to go with a “leave behind” package.
 - c. Retail/Fundraisers/Events –
 - 1) OktoberFest – 112 reservations are confirmed with 16 on the waiting list. Set up will be Friday @ 1:30. Tables and steamers are to be picked up at Pigeon Hill. Linens will be supplied by UniFirst. There will be 4 waitresses. Lutz is in charge of the music.
 - 2) Texas Hold ‘em poker event at The Grange – Nov. 3rd; it will be organized by Dave Beaulieu. Marty Lumbr of The Belfry paid for printing a banner. There will be no alcohol allowed, only water and sodas. Sue has arranged for this as well as munchies. The MHS will receive 30% of the door take after paying Dave Beaulieu \$150.00. The proceeds of the sale of sodas will go to the MHS. Flyers will be distributed and the event announced via MHS website, Facebook and email.
 - 3) 2014 calendar – Scott is working together with Suzanne Dollois; the calendar should be ready end November.
 - 4) Bricks – the first order of 25 bricks has been submitted and we're close to the next order of 25.
 - 5) Jelly jars – a first deposit of \$178 has been made; more jars have already been submitted.
 - 6) Quilt raffle – a picture of a facsimile will be shown at OktoberFest.

3. Stained Glass Windows – second opinion?

The company in Massachusetts that Scott contacted will charge \$2,500 for an assessment and \$21,000 for removal/storage of the windows. The consensus was to contact Mr. Ribbecke again, who had originally quoted about \$10,000 for the job. Scott will ask Jan Lewandoski if it is really necessary to remove all three windows.

- B. Town History Book update – Scott and Marijke are meeting Thursday to go over the index and make any other corrections; the text and revised index will then be submitted to Queen City Printers.
- C. LLHS Annual Meeting Nov. 1 in Barre – Scott and Pat will attend.
- D. Wedding September 28th – Marijke and Noela represented the MHS; everything went smoothly, no problems.
- E. VCBS Meeting September 28th follow-up – there were 14 people present, mostly older. Scott made a presentation on Montgomery’s covered bridges and the Jewett brothers.
- F. Former Baptist Church – no further report.
- G. St. Albans Regional Historical Societies Meeting – Scott, Pat, Sue and Marijke attended. The museum was open for the occasion; the St. Albans Historical Society is busy preparing for the 150th anniversary in 2014 of the Raid on St. Albans. The next meeting will be held in Alburgh, probably in May.
- Z. Reminders:
 - 1) Heaton House Paint
 - 2) Possible Beers Atlas and large Franklin County map acquisition – Scott to follow up.
 - 3) Stanton Memorial Gift – no report
 - 4) MHS Sign
 - 5) June 21 – 22, 2014 VT History Expo

6. **New business:**

Tim spoke with Michelle Legault and she expressed interest in becoming a Board member sometime in the future.

7. **Adjourn:**

Pat made a Motion, seconded by Bill to adjourn at 6:20 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. Please call 326-3135 to confirm venue.

2013

- Oct 20** Oktoberfest Dinner
- Nov. 1** LLHS Annual Meeting in Barre
- Nov 3** Texas Hold'em Tournament
- Dec.** Christmas Social
- Dec. 22** Carols and Candles – Pratt Hall 5:00 PM

2014

- June 21-22** Vermont History Expo. Theme is “Artists and Artisans: Vermont’s Creative Heritage.” Tunbridge Fairgrounds
- July** Wedding rehearsal Nelson. Pratt Hall
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