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

Wednesday, January 15, 2014 @ 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, Elsie Saborowski

Scott called the Meeting to order at 5:36 PM.

Bill Branthoover has been in and out of the hospital; his health is very frail.

He read an email from Ken Secor announcing his resignation from the Board due to health reasons. Ken will be greatly missed not only as an active and knowledgeable boardmember, but also for his support of the Society and his enthusiasm to help out with projects as a member of “Men With Tools”, and as the unofficial “staff photographer” of the MHS. We will miss you, Ken!

1. **Recognition visitors/guests:** None

2. **This Month In History:**

1876 – Montgomery Baptist Church dedicated.

1933 – Calvin Coolidge dies.

3. **History Quiz:**

According to the 2010 census, of those working, what percentage of Montgomerians worked at home?

a. 3.7 b. 5.2 c. 6.7 d. 7.3

Of those working over 75% drove to work alone. What percentage carpooled?

a. 5.0 b. 7.3 c. 9.6 d. 12.9

4. **Show and Tell:** None.

Thanks to Carol Farmer a photographer from the Jay Peak Chamber of Commerce will be at Pratt Hall on January 16th. They are looking for Montgomery photos to include in the JPACC web site.

5. **The Main Event:**

Minutes:

Sue made a Motion, seconded by Pat to approve the Minutes of November 16, 2013; Motion was unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's Report – 01/15/14:

Checking balance..... \$ 3,280.16

Stained Glass - West Wall Savings Account \$ 95,222.62

80 Affinity members

The Board review the actual Revenues and Expenses for 2013. We may have to file a tax return this year due to the fundraising for the West Wall Fund.

	2010	2011	2013
CASH BALANCE END OF YEAR (EOY)			
INCLUDES ALL SAVINGS, CDs, ETC			
Checking	\$4,696.13	\$4,686.13	\$2,660.69
Scholarship Fund	\$592.33	\$594.98	\$0.00
Capital Improvement	\$5,002.97	\$0.00	\$0.00
Stained Glass Fund	\$5,767.00	\$5,790.56	\$0.00
Domina Print Acct (Profit)	\$582.64	\$707.98	\$0.00
Savings / West Wall		\$1,600.09	\$93,198.59
CASH TOTAL	\$16,641.07	\$13,379.74	\$95,859.28
	2010	2011	2013
LIABILITIES AT EOY			
Line of Credit Loan Balance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mortgage Balance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
LINE OF CREDIT AVAILABLE EOY	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00

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

Membership:

Final membership for 2013:

209 members

9 new members

18 business partners.....for a total of \$12,391.00

Old business:

A. West Wall Capital Campaign

1) Financial Report Update

a) VT Div. for Hist. Preservation Pre-Grant Agreement – a grant of \$20,000 was approved. The goal thermometer shows \$112,000 which includes this amount. Sue made a Motion, seconded by Pat to authorize Scott to sign the “2014 Historic Preservation Grant Award Conditions and Acknowledgement Form” – this form simply states that we will play by their rules and puts the MHS under no obligation. The State will have to approve any bid that will be considered.

As a boon for the MHS Caitlin Corkin, the State administrator for the grant, has invited Lynn Monty from the Burlington Free Press to do an article on the grant program;

the West Wall project will be the main feature. She will be visiting Pratt Hall on Tuesday, January 21st at 10:30 AM. The article will appear in a future Weekend Edition.

- b) Eastman status – pending
 - c) Financing – Sue will investigate possible financing for a loan of up to \$45,000 (\$20,000 VT Div. for Hist. Preservation + \$25,000 Eastman Foundation grant.
- 2) Statement of Work (SOW) and Bid Solicitation: Scott will start work on the SOW soon. The State will have to approve it since we will be using their grant money. Once they approve the SOW we will need to sign a grant agreement with them. The State also has to approve our bidder selection.
- 3) Other grants are pending. Solicitations to area corporations have raised \$750 to date. The Committee will continue to follow up.

B. Town History update – The book will be ready shortly. TD Bank has refused to be a sponsor as it does not fit in with their community-based program. At the time of the previous printing, the Town contributed \$1,000 to the cost; the Board decided not to ask for any money this time as the budget is very tight.

C. MTA - Former Baptist Church – Sue reported on the last meeting of the MTA. Everett McGinley will ask Attorney Charlie Merriman to get the title issue resolved. A lot of prerequisites have already been satisfied. But to finalize the determination of title has to be done before a judge and this might take 6-8 months at a cost of possibly \$10,000.

Z. Reminders:

- 1) Heaton House Paint
- 2) Stanton Memorial Gift – no report
- 3) MHS Sign – Parma has done some work on the sign; Scott will investigate other avenues to get it finished before the Annual Meeting
- 4) June 21 – 22, 2014 VT History Expo – no report
- 5) By-Laws review – no report
- 6) Endowment – no report
- 7) Pierre Home-Douglas article on Montgomery in Vermont Magazine – Scott has given him several names of towns people to contact – no further report

6. **New business:**

None

7. **Adjourn:**

Pat made a Motion, seconded by Elsie to adjourn at 6:55 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.

Jan 26 Venison Dinner Fundraiser. Black Lantern Inn.

3:00p.m. Drinks and Social time. Appetizers include venison meat balls.

3:30p.m. Buffet - Venison pot roast at the carving table, A venison stew – venison Bourgogne, salad and rolls, veggie casserole, mashed & sweet potatoes, apple crisp. A red and white wine special. Greg will also be offering his “HistoricAle” for the occasion. \$30/person. By reservation only. Call Sue at 326-4189 today! "Stay thirsty, hungry, and warm my friends" Benefits the WWCC

Mar Membership Drive Begins

Mar 16 Texas Hold'em. Town Hall. Benefits the WWCC. Details to follow

Jun 21 & 22 VT History Expo. Theme is "Artists and Artisans: Vermont's Creative Heritage." Tunbridge Fairgrounds

Jun 29 Annual Meeting.

Jul Wedding Rehearsal Nelson, Pratt Hall

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Aug Projected West Wall Project Start.

Sep VHS Annual Meeting

Nov League of Local Historical Societies Annual Meeting