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

Wednesday, January 19, 2011 @ 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,

Prior to the Meeting Scott met with Pat and Marijke at Pratt Hall at 5:00 PM to go over the progress of the restoration of the front wall and steps.

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

Recognition visitors/guests:

Ave Leslie

Show and Tell:

Scott showed photocopies of an 1805 handwritten copy of the Town Charter and 1811 Town Meeting Warning & Attestation by Henry Marble, Town Clerk. The text of the 1811 Warning will be included in the 2011 Town Report.

Sue brought in a piece of siding that came from the barn of Mr. Blouin on Orchard Street, Enosburg Falls which showed the name of a Montgomery Center lumber mill. This will be accessioned in our artifacts collection.

Minutes:

Elsie made a Motion, seconded by Pat to approve the Minutes of November 17, 2010 as written; Motion was unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report:

<u>Treasurer's Report – 01/19/11:</u>	
Checking balance	\$ 4,983.62
Lalia Pratt Hays CD	592.56
Stained Glass windows CD	5,767.00
Capital Improvements CD	5,004.36
Michael Domina Print S/A.....	582.67

Marijke made a Motion, seconded by Elsie to approve the Treasurer's Report of January 19, 2011 as presented; Motion was unanimously approved.

Membership:

Marijke reported a first membership contribution for 2011 of \$75.00.

The year 2010 ended with the following membership contributions:

Total membership:	219
Total new members:	16
Total business partners:	19
Total contributions:	\$ 10,230.00
Total \$100 or more contributions:	37

Old business:

A. Pratt Hall

- 1) Front entryway project update – Jan Lewandoski started the work on January 10th; most of the demolition has been done and more will be done as the work progresses. More rot in the beams was discovered than expected, but the front wall has now been solidly supported by a come-alongs from the top beam and jacks at the bottom, so that replacement beams can be put into place. Randy St. Onge, Charlie Carpenter and Lutz Saborowski have done a lot of snowremoval and Pat, Scott and Ken have put in time to help with the demolition, all the a tune of over \$1,000 for in-kind services.
- 2) Clock – the clock has temporarily been stopped because of the work and also because the bottom of the stairs has been removed as part of the restoration work. Scott will be in touch with Pat Boyden when the clock is once again accessible.

B. Town History Book –Jo Anne has started the interviewing of town’s people and asked for some more input and names from the Board.

C. Holiday Events Wrap up – the response to the Members’ Appreciation Event was excellent and will be done again; the Carols & Candles with Andrew Massey and his “Montgomery Symphony Orchestra” was once again a great success. There were about 10 people who came to the Open House on Saturday – hopefully more will come next year.

D. Planned Giving – Scott handed out a proposed brochure for review by the Board members.

E. Homework Assignment - Notable Montgomerians / Prototype Gazetteer

A discussion took place as to the criteria for including names of notable Montgomerians; the list available on the MHS website (see link below). For the time being it was decided to list only those first 100 years since incorporation of the town.

F. Radar scope – no discussion

- 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 distributed the proposed budget for 2011 prepared together with Sue to be reviewed by the Board for any changes and/or corrections.
2. Draft for this year's Town Report – see “Show and Tell” above.

Adjourn:

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

Next meeting Wednesday, February 16, 2011 - 5:30 PM at PSB

Respectfully submitted,
Marijke M. Dollois