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

Wednesday, March 16, 2011 @ 5:30 PM

THESE ARE THE UNOFFICIAL MINUTES UNTIL APPROVED BY THE BOARD.

**Board Members and Members Present:**

Board Members Scott Perry, Marijke Dollois, Sue Wilson, Pat Farmer, Jo Anne Bennett, Elsie Saborowski, Parma Jewett, Bill McGroarty, Ken Secor, John Beaty

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

**Recognition visitors/guests:**

Ave Leslie  
 Titus and Jane Presler

**Show and Tell:**

Scott presented a Grange Certificate donated by Lorraine Gillis. Also new essays on the History of the Village Green and History of our Covered Bridges for a Town grant and the Wild and Scenic River Study Group respectively. All new products have been added to the web site.

**Minutes:**

Sue made a Motion, seconded by Pat to approve the Minutes of February 16, 2011 as written; Motion was unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer's Report – 03/16/11:  
 Checking balance ..... \$ 2,328.55\*  
 Lalia Pratt Hays CD ..... 592.99  
 Stained Glass windows CD ..... 5,771.41  
 Michael Domina Print S/A..... 582.71

Affinity members: 72

\* This balance represents the second payment to Jan Lewandoski of \$5,000.00. Total Paid to date \$10,000

Elsie made a Motion, seconded by Parma to approve the Treasurer's Report of March 16, 2011 as presented; Motion was unanimously approved.

**Membership:**

Three members have renewed to date for \$125.00. Scott presented a membership drive letter to be signed by all board members present. The mailing will be prepared on Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM at Marijke's house.

### **Review 2011 MHS events and dates/times**

See attached.

Parma will prepare the luncheon for the May 25<sup>th</sup> Regional Historical Societies; Scott will send out invites via e-mail.

Marijke will be the liaison for the July 9<sup>th</sup> Franklin County History Expo. Set-up of the exhibit will be during the week before the event.

### **Old business:**

#### A. Pratt Hall:

- a. Front entryway project update – Ken requested a more detailed invoice to be provided by Jan Lewandowski in case of a future audit of the work done.
- b. Scott presented a copy of an essay by Bishop John Henry Hopkins (1792-1868) on gothic architecture. He was the Episcopal bishop in Vermont from 1832-1868. Pratt Hall was consecrated as Union Church in 1835. His essay shows descriptions and drawings of gothic church features that can be found in Pratt Hall. The essay is available on Google.

B. Town History Book – research is progressing.

C. Advent Church – Parma researched the photograph given to the MHS by St. Albans Historical Society and presented at the last meeting; she believes it to be the church on West Hill in Berkshire, not Montgomery.

D. Memorial Day – a suggestion was made to contact Tom Stanley as speaker. Scott will follow up.

#### F. Radar scope:

- Teaching American History Grant
- Domina print fundraiser update
- Old maps project
- Grant writing

### **New business:**

1. Anniversaries – see attached

2. Insurance claim/tree – Bill contacted Dan Parsons, the Vermont Electric Cooperative representative; they will come and take a look at it as to whether it will be necessary to take the tree down completely or only trim. It is very close to the telephone pole.

Joe Sherman filed a claim with MHS in the amount of \$335.00 for damage to electrical equipment in his house caused by the tree branch falling on the utility line going to his house. This claim will be covered under the MHS liability insurance policy.

3. Bob Gilmore – Bob sent copies of his proposed “Montgomery/Jay Scenic Drives and Trails Walking Guide” to several board members and left copies at the meeting. This is a rough draft as several sections have not yet been completed. It is more a scenic drive to view the area architecture and historical aspects, rather than a walking tour, although hiking trails are included. Scott asked the board members to read the draft for discussion at the next meeting. Bob has proposed this as a possible fund raising project for the MHS.
4. MACA pamphlet – MACA is planning to print a local map of the bridges and incorporate locations of businesses. Scott asked them to acknowledge the MHS as a source of their information if it is used. Board members suggested to reprint our current brochure as well.

**Adjourn:**

Jo Anne moved and seconded by Sue a Motion to adjourn at 6:49 P.M. Said Motion passed unanimously.

**Next meeting Wednesday, April 20, 2011 - 5:30 PM at PSB**

Respectfully submitted,  
Marijke M. Dollois

/Att.

## Tentative MHS 2011 Dates

March 16<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 5:30 p.m., Board Meeting, PSB

March 24<sup>th</sup> Thursday 10:00 a.m., Membership Mailing Party, Dollois'/Fichman's

April 20<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 5:30p.m., Board Meeting, PSB

May 18<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 5:30p.m., Board Meeting, Pratt Hall

May 25<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, Noon, Hosting Regional Historical Society Meeting, Pratt Hall

May 28<sup>th</sup> Saturday, 1:00 p.m., Memorial Day Commemoration, Town Common

June Affinity Luncheon ??

June 15<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 5:30p.m., Board Meeting, Pratt Hall

June 17<sup>th</sup> Friday, 6:00 p.m., Annual Meeting, Pratt Hall

June 25<sup>th</sup> Saturday, Betty Stanton (Cynthia's) Memorial Service, Pratt Hall

July 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday, 8:00p.m., CBTC Concert 1, Pratt Hall

July 9<sup>th</sup> Saturday, 1:00-5:00 p.m., Franklin County History Expo, (Franklin, VT, Town Hall)

July 20<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 5:30 p.m., Board Meeting, Pratt Hall

July 30<sup>th</sup> Saturday, 8:00 p.m., CBTC Concert 2, Pratt Hall

August 17<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 5:30 p.m., Board Meeting, Pratt Hall

August 20<sup>th</sup> Saturday, 8:00 p.m. CBTC Concert 3, Pratt Hall.

August 26<sup>th</sup> Friday, Art Show (Ice Cream Social?) Member Appreciation Event, Pratt Hall

August 27<sup>th</sup> Saturday, 9:00a.m.-4:00 p.m., Art Show, Pratt Hall

September 21<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, 5:30 p.m., Board Meeting, Pratt Hall

October LLHS Annual Meeting / Awards

October 19<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. Board Meeting, Pratt Hall

November 16<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. Board Meeting, Pratt Hall

December 16<sup>th</sup> Friday, Members Appreciation Reception, Pratt Hall

December 17<sup>th</sup> Saturday, Open House, Pratt Hall

December 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday, 6:30 p.m. Candles and Carols, Pratt Hall

### Anniversaries

| event                  | Year of     | Years Old In |             |             | Centennia<br>l | Quasqui<br>centenni<br>al | Sesqui<br>centenni<br>al | Dodrans<br>bi<br>centenni<br>al | Bi<br>centenni<br>al | Quasqui<br>bicenten<br>ial | Sester<br>centenni<br>al |
|------------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
|                        |             | 2011         | 50          | 75          |                |                           |                          |                                 |                      |                            |                          |
| Bayley Hazen Rd        | 1776        | 235          | 1826        | 1851        | 1876           | 1901                      | 1926                     | 1951                            | 1976                 | 2001                       | 2026                     |
| <i>Charter Granted</i> | <b>1780</b> | <b>231</b>   | <b>1830</b> | <b>1855</b> | <b>1880</b>    | <b>1905</b>               | <b>1930</b>              | <b>1955</b>                     | <b>1980</b>          | <b>2005</b>                | <b>2030</b>              |
| Charter Approved       | 1789        | 222          | 1839        | 1864        | 1889           | 1914                      | 1939                     | 1964                            | 1989                 | 2014                       | 2039                     |
| Vt Statehood           | 1791        | 220          | 1841        | 1866        | 1891           | 1916                      | 1941                     | 1966                            | 1991                 | 2016                       | 2041                     |
| First Settler          | 1793        | 218          | 1843        | 1868        | 1893           | 1918                      | 1943                     | 1968                            | 1993                 | 2018                       | 2043                     |
| First Child            | 1793        | 218          | 1843        | 1868        | 1893           | 1918                      | 1943                     | 1968                            | 1993                 | 2018                       | 2043                     |
| Organized as Town      | 1802        | 209          | 1852        | 1877        | 1902           | 1927                      | 1952                     | 1977                            | 2002                 | 2027                       | 2052                     |
| Union Church 1         | 1835        | 176          | 1885        | 1910        | 1935           | 1960                      | 1985                     | 2010                            | 2035                 | 2060                       | 2085                     |
| Union Church 2         | 1874        | 137          | 1924        | 1949        | 1974           | 1999                      | 2024                     | 2049                            | 2074                 | 2099                       | 2124                     |
| St. Barts              | 1897        | 114          | 1947        | 1972        | 1997           | 2022                      | 2047                     | 2072                            | 2097                 | 2122                       | 2147                     |
| Jay Rd Opens           | 1957        | 54           | 2007        | 2032        | 2057           | 2082                      | 2107                     | 2132                            | 2157                 | 2182                       | 2207                     |
| MHS Forms              | 1974        | 37           | 2024        | 2049        | 2074           | 2099                      | 2124                     | 2149                            | 2174                 | 2199                       | 2224                     |
| Town History Ed 1      | 1976        | 35           | 2026        | 2051        | 2076           | 2101                      | 2126                     | 2151                            | 2176                 | 2201                       | 2226                     |
| Rec Center Opened      | 1979        | 32           | 2029        | 2054        | 2079           | 2104                      | 2129                     | 2154                            | 2179                 | 2204                       | 2229                     |
| Pratt Hall On NRHP     | 1988        | 23           | 2038        | 2063        | 2088           | 2113                      | 2138                     | 2163                            | 2188                 | 2213                       | 2238                     |
| Town History Ed 2      | 1991        | 20           | 2041        | 2066        | 2091           | 2116                      | 2141                     | 2166                            | 2191                 | 2216                       | 2241                     |
| Flood of 97            | 1997        | 14           | 2047        | 2072        | 2097           | 2122                      | 2147                     | 2172                            | 2197                 | 2222                       | 2247                     |