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

Wednesday, March 20, 2013 @ 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, Jo Anne Bennett, Ken Secor

The Board members present met at 3:00 PM to prepare the annual membership drive mailing.

Scott called the Meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

1. **Recognition visitors/guests:**

None

2. **This month in area history:**

Happy 233rd birthday – 1780 Montgomery granted by legislature. 1791 Vermont admitted as 14th State.

3. **History Quiz:**

Who or what was the city/town of St. Albans named after? **St. Albans, England, the first Christian martyr in Great Britain; he refused to convert; his executioner was so impressed that he refused to carry out the deed and then both St. Albans and the executioner were executed. (See more below).**

4. **Show and Tell:**

Scott showed a postcard on his laptop of Montgomery he found on e-bay of a view overlooking the Village from West to East. Sue made a motion, seconded by Jo Anne to authorize Scott to purchase the card with a \$10.00 limit; Motion was unanimously approved.

5. **The Main Event:**

Minutes:

Sue made a Motion, seconded by Pat to approve the Minutes of February 20, 2013 as written; Motion was unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's Report – 02/20/13:

Checking balance \$ 1,443.02
Stained Glass windows CD..... 5,810.43
Savings Account – West Wall \$ 18,855.37

76 Affinity members

The Lalia Pratt Scholarship CD and Michael Domina Savings Account were added to the West Wall S/A as per previous minutes.

Marijke made a Motion, seconded by Jo Anne to accept the Treasurer's report as written; Motion was unanimously approved.

Scott presented a check in the amount of \$5,000.00 received from the heirs of the Denise Stepanek Estate. Denise and her husband George became members of the MHS in 1977 and were faithful supporters. Scott read a letter he will send to the five heirs thanking them for their generous donation.

Ken made a Motion, seconded by Elsie to deposit the funds in the Stained Glass Windows CD and add Estate of Denise Stepanek the plaque listing donors; Motion was unanimously approved.

Membership:

No activity.

Old business:

- A. Town History Book update – no report from Queen City Printers.
- B. Regional Expo Plans Aug. 10th, Enosburg Opera House – Parma has suggested preparing a display on some of the clothing that is currently in storage.
- C. Memorial Day Observance – May 27th at 10:00 AM at St. Isidore's Cemetery. Scott asked Sue to emcee in his absence and be his contact with the American Legion.

X. Radar scope:

- 1) Teaching American History Grant – no report
- 2) Domina print fundraiser update – no report
- 3) Old maps project.....making progress – no report
- 4) Grant writing Western Wall - no report
- 5) Ave Leslie Presentation – Sue suggested to ask him to be the speaker at the Annual Meeting in June. Scott will contact him.
- 6) Beers Atlas and large County Map acquisition – no report
- 7) Refurbished sign – no report
- 8) Heaton House painting and shed demolition – Scott will contact Ezra Worthington
- 9) Plan for Capital Campaign/Possible Investment – no report
- 10) Stanton Memorial Gift...Cash/Granite Bench – no report

6. **New business:**

- A. Any special 40th Anniversary celebration next year?
- B. Stepanek gift – see Treasurer's Report above.

7. **Adjourn:**

Ken made a Motion, seconded by Pat to adjourn at 5:32 P.M. Said Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Marijke M. Dollois

According to Bede's Ecclesiastical History of the English People, I, vii, and xviii, Alban was a pagan living at Verulamium (now St Albans), who converted to Christianity, and was beheaded on a hill above the Roman settlement of Verulamium. St Albans Abbey was later founded near this site.

The date of Alban's execution has never been firmly established. The Anglo-Saxon Chronicles lists the year 283. According to the Venerable Bede: "when the cruel Emperors first published their edicts against the Christians", in other words, sometime after the publication of the edicts by Eastern Roman Emperor Diocletian in 303 and before the proclamation of the toleration Edict of Milan by co-ruling Roman Emperors Constantine I and Licinius in 313.

Bede tells several legends associated with the story of Alban's execution. On his way to the execution, Alban had to cross a river, and he made the waters part and crossed over on dry land. The executioner was so impressed with Alban's faith that he also converted to Christianity on the spot, and refused to kill him. Another executioner was quickly found (whose eyes dropped out of his head when he did the deed). The first executioner was killed after Alban, thereby becoming the second British Christian martyr.

Source: Wikipedia retrieved 031613

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.

- March** Membership drive starts
- May 1** Scholarship submission deadline
- May 27** Memorial Day Celebration at 10:00 AM - St. Isidore's Cemetery
- June 28** Annual Meeting at Pratt Hall: 6:00 PM Social and 7:30 Business Meeting
- August 10** Regional Expo at Enosburg Opera House
- Sept. 27** Pratt Hall – wedding rehearsal Larivee/Stanley
- Sept. 28** Pratt Hall – wedding Larivee/Stanley
- Sept.** LLHS nominations due
- Oct. or Nov.** LLHS Annual Meeting
- Dec. 22** Candles and Carols – Pratt Hall at 5:00 PM