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

Wednesday, March 21, 2012 @ 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, Patty Perl, Jo Anne Bennett, Bill McGroarty, Parma Jewett, John Beaty, Elsie Saborowski

Scott called the Meeting to order at 5:35 PM.

1. **Recognition visitors/guests:**

None

2. **This Month in Montgomery History:**

This Month in Montgomery History: Happy 232nd birthday!!! Montgomery granted 1780. Vermont native Andrew Ellicott Douglass (native of Windsor, Vermont) passed away at the age of 94 50 years ago March 20th. Most people know Douglass because of one particular scientific contribution that he named dendrochronology" (Study of tree rings).

3. **History Quiz:**

In 1883 there were 2 official U.S. post routes serving Montgomery using horse drawn wagons. Route 2249 operated every day but Sunday, departing from East Berkshire at noon and returning there by 5:00 p.m. after stops in the Village and Center. Route 2250 originated in the Center and only ran on Wednesdays, leaving at 7:00 a.m. and returning by 2:30 after stops in Belvedere and Eden.

How much did it cost to ride the wagon from E. Berkshire to the Village? 50¢ - 5 hour return trip!

How much did it cost to ride it between the Village to the Center? 10¢

Source: Gazetteer & Business Directory of Franklin & Grand Isle Counties, 1882-83, by Hamilton Childs

4. **Show and Tell:**

None

5. **The Main Event:**

Minutes:

Amendment: Marijke called the Meeting to order, not Scott.

Sue made a Motion, seconded by Elsie to approve the Minutes of February 15, 2012 as written with Amendment; Motion was unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report:

<u>Treasurer's Report – 03/21/11:</u>	<u>Interest</u>
Checking balance	\$ 4,337.80
Lalia Pratt Hays CD	595.320.35%
Stained Glass windows CD.....	5,794.28.....0.35%
Michael Domina Print S/A.....	708.03.....0.05%
Savings Account – West Wall	\$ 4,400.36.....0.05%

76 Affinity members

Marijke made a Motion, seconded by Jo Anne to approve the Treasurer's Report of March 21, 2012 as presented; Motion was unanimously approved.

Membership:

Marijke reported that so far three members have renewed for a total of \$125.00. Howard Deuso at the Newport Prison will be contacted to have the membership letter printed and folded, to be ready for the mailing party on Thursday, March 29th at 10 AM at the Dollois residence.

Old business:

- A. Town History Book update – Jo Anne presented a first draft for review by the Board; it will be emailed to all board members for comments, changes, deletions, etc.
- B. History Expo: Scott suggested a presentation of the story of Charles Haile and Montgomery during the Civil War. He has already gathered interesting information from past town reports and the internet about the pay schedule of volunteers and draftees which was decided by the Selectboard.
- C. Review Events List – see attached revised list
- D. 2012 calendar – 135 calendars have been sold to-date. A great success! There has been great feedback and interest.
- E. Approve 2012 budget –
Scott has contacted John Cluba for a quote on painting the front and tower of Pratt Hall. The budgeted amount is \$10,000. John would be able to provide a lift which would not be as costly as charged during previous painting. He has also contacted Ted Bruckner and is waiting for a response. Barry East declined due the height of the tower.

The amount budgeted for Luke Scheffler (clock winding) was changed from \$300 to \$600.

Marijke made a Motion, seconded by Sue to approve the 2012 budget with amendment as presented; Motion was unanimously approved.

F. Concerts/Piano purchase or free -

Steve contacted Marijke that he will purchase the piano, transport it to Montgomery and make it available to the MHS at his expense when necessary.

H. Radar scope:

1) Teaching American History Grant

2) Domina print fundraiser update

3) Old maps project.....making progress

Scott prepared a lotting map – an overlay of current properties over the original town map; it was suggested that to have a large copy made for exhibition at Pratt Hall. Scott will contact the Northwest Planning Commission to see if it can be done through their organization at a reasonable cost.

4) Grant writing.....next year

5) Ave Leslie Presentation – Spring.....TBD

6) Speakers:

Spring...Tortolano May 17th and

Dave Bennett – Jo Anne gave some background information – the book is about Ethan Allen and the Canadian connection; a tentative date of April 20th was set. It was further suggested to partner with the library.

8) Beers Atlas and large County Map acquisition – no further action

6. New business:

1) Parma offered to organize and run “Treasures and Trinkets” for the Historical Society during HarvestFest on August 25th.

2) A celebration of Charles Henderson’s life will be held Saturday, March 24th from 1-4 PM at the Snowshoe Pub.

7. Adjourn:

John moved a Motion, seconded by Parma to adjourn at 6:30 P.M. Said Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Marijke M. Dollois

MHS 2012 Dates

As of: 2/9/12

Board of Directors Meet the Third Wednesday of each month at Pratt Hall (April-October) or the Montgomery Public Service Building.

March Membership Drive

May 17th, Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Speaker, Dr. William Tortalano on the Canadian Group of 7 Landscape Painting Movement, Pratt Hall.

May 28th, Monday, 10:00 a.m. Annual Memorial Day Commemoration, Hill West Cemetery.

June 8th – Presentation of Preservation Trust award

June 16th and 17th, Saturday and Sunday, VT History Expo at Tunbridge, VT

June 29th, Friday, 6:00 p.m. MHS Annual Meeting

July 7th, Saturday, 8:00p.m., Concerts By The Common #1, Pratt Hall

August 11th, Saturday, 8:00p.m., Concerts By The Common #2, Pratt Hall

August Member Appreciation and Art Show Reception

August Art Show and Sale

September 15th, Saturday, 8:00p.m., Concerts By The Common #3, Pratt Hall

September - LLHS Award Nominations Due.

November - League Of Local Historical Societies Annual Meeting

December 14th Friday, 6:00 p.m., Membership Holiday Social, Pratt Hall

December 15th Saturday, 1:00-4:00, Open House, Pratt Hall.

December 16th Sunday, 6:30p.m., Carols and Candles, Pratt Hall.