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MONTGOMERY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Minutes of Meeting
Patt Hall, Montgomery Center

Wednesday, April 18, 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, Jo Anne Bennett, Parma Jewett, Elsie Saborowski

Scott called the Meeting to order at 5:32 PM.

1. **Recognition visitors/guests:**

Rebecca Cummings and Greg Lucas –

Rebecca announced that there will be another CEA at the Black Lantern on May 18th with Jon Nicholls and his band, Deirdre Terramichel with an exhibit of a large painting, and Lisa O'Hara who will read from her writings. She asked if the event could be staged at Pratt Hall to enable a wider attendance. Greg Lucas may provide food. There was also a discussion of the serving of liquor – Greg is not able at this time to do so, as he does not have an off-premises liquor license. Scott said he would check with the MHS insurance company what the cost of coverage would be in the case of a public attendance versus an MHS membership attendance by invitation. The Board unanimously agreed it would be a good opportunity to bring people in to Pratt Hall for the CEA presentation. The Board agreed to provide the Hall as a venue for the CEA meetings on May 18th and July 20th. Sue volunteered to be the MHS agent for the May 18th event.

2. **This Month in History:**

Abraham Lincoln is assassinated on April 15, 1865. Dick Clark died shortly before our meeting.

3. **History Quiz:**

- Vermont Civil War related civilian and military deaths peaked in 1864. About how many died per week that year?
a. 10 **b. 50** c. 100 d. 125 Source: vermontcivilwar.org
- What is a sutler? **A civilian merchant who sells merchandise to the army in the field.**

4. **Show and Tell:**

Scott will bring an old autograph book found by Tess Beemer to the next meeting,

5. **The Main Event:**

Minutes:

Sue made a Motion, seconded by Parma to approve the Minutes of March 21, 2012 as written; Motion was unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report:

<u>Treasurer's Report – 04/18/12:</u>	<u>Interest</u>
Checking balance	\$ 7,499.14
Lalia Pratt Hays CD	595.500.35%
Stained Glass windows CD.....	5,795.60.....0.35%
Michael Domina Print S/A.....	708.06.....0.05%
Savings Account – West Wall	\$ 4,505.54.....0.05%

76 Affinity members – Sue will check on the amount at next meeting but probably around \$8,000.00.

Line of Credit renewal paperwork signed April 17, 2012; full amount (\$20,000.00) is available.

Pat made a Motion, seconded by Jo Anne to approve the Treasurer's Report of April 18, 2012 as presented; Motion was unanimously approved.

Sue mentioned that the Affinity Luncheon and presentation of check has tentatively been scheduled for Wednesday, June 13th at the Black Lantern Inn.

Membership:

Marijke reported that so far 92 members have renewed for a total of \$4,615.00 (this includes \$525.00 not included in the above Treasurer's Report). There are 2 new members and 8 business partners.

Old business:

A. Town History Book update – Jo Anne asked for input from all Board Members; she will then prepare Draft #3 and get together with Scott and Marijke for a final version.

B. History Expo - no further information. A tentative schedule was set up for attendance:

Saturday, June 16th – Scott and Pat to set up and take first shift

Saturday, June 16th – Marijke and Noela second shift

Sunday, June 17th - ?? first shift

Sunday, June 17th – Elsie, Parma and Sue second shift and take down exhibit

C. Review events list – Scott added CEA presentation on May 18th and July 20th at Pratt Hall

D. Exterior painting bids –

John Cluba and Ted Bruckner submitted bids with Ted being the lower. Ted will donate some paint and all labor.

Sue made a Motion, second by Parma to authorize Scott to contact Ted Bruckner to further enquire about details of lift rental and to contract with whomever he sees fit to do the painting. Motion was unanimously approved.

E. Concerts – Steve is finalizing the concert series with the first concert (Susie Arioli??) to take place towards the end of June.

F. Regional Societies Meeting – scheduled for May 23rd in Enosburg. Details to follow.

H. Radar scope:

- 1) Teaching American History Grant
- 2) Domina print fundraiser update – 19 prints left; it was decided to lower the price to \$35.00/print and make them available at the CEA events.
- 3) Old maps project.....making progress
- 4) Grant writing Western Wall
- 5) Ave Leslie Presentation – TBD
- 6) Speakers: Tortolano May 17th
- 7) Beers Atlas and large County Map acquisition – no further action

6. **New business:**

- 1) Sue resigned from the scholarship committee. Sue made a Motion, seconded by Elsie to nominate Patty Perl to work with Rita Kalsmith and Patty Hathaway; Motion was unanimously approved. Marijke will send out letters to graduating students and ask Lois to mention the scholarship in her County Courier column.
- 2) Trinkets & Treasures – Parma asked permission to store items at the Heaton House; drop-off dates and times were set at: August 11th and 18th from 9 AM to 12 PM.
- 3) Scott, Pat, Sue and Parma attended the Vermont Communities Foundation presentation in St. Albans on April 5th. Grants are available for up to a \$20,000 grant; Ben & Jerry provides a \$2,000 grants.
- 4) Scott suggested that the MHS gets its own website at a cost of \$50-250 per year; there would still be a link at the Montgomery Town website to the MHS. Sue made a motion, seconded by Jo Anne to authorize Scott to set up the MHS website. Motion was unanimously approved.

7. **Adjourn:**

Sue made a Motion, seconded by Jo Anne to adjourn at 6:55 P.M. Said Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Marijke M. Dollois

MHS 2012 Dates

As of: 4/18/12

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

April 20th, Friday, 7:00 p.m. Speaker, Author Dave Bennett on “The Capture of Ethan Allen at Montreal, September 25, 1775 – Fact, Fiction and Fraud”, Pratt Hall

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

May 18th, Friday, 6:00 p.m. CEA presentation

May 23rd, Wednesday, Noon, Regional Societies Lunch and Networking.

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

June 8th –Preservation Trust of VT, Meeting/Awards, Wilmington, VT

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

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

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

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

August 24th, Friday, 6:00 p.m. Member Appreciation and Art Show Reception, Pratt Hall

August 25th, Saturday, 9:00 a.m. Art Show and Sale, Pratt Hall

August 25th, Saturday, 9:00 a.m. History Trinkets & Treasures Sale, Pratt Hall yard

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

September - LLHS Award Nominations Due.

November - League Of Local Historical Societies Annual Meeting, Pratt Hall

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

The Montgomery Historical Society Board is...

Scott Perry, Bill Branthoover, Marijke Dollois, Sue Wilson, Bill McGroarty, Tim Chapin,
Ken Secor, Parma Jewett, Elsie Saborowski, John Beaty, Jo Anne Bennett, Pat Farmer and Patricia Perl