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MONTGOMERY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
 Minutes of Meeting
 Pratt Hall, Montgomery Village

Wednesday, June 15, 2011 @ 5:30 PM

THESE ARE THE UNOFFICIAL MINUTES UNTIL APPROVED BY THE BOARD.

Board Members and Members Present:

Board Members - Scott Perry, Bill McGroarty, Marijke Dollois, Sue Wilson, Pat Farmer, Elsie Saborowski, Tim Chapin, Ken Secor

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

Recognition visitors/guests:

Ave Leslie

Ave asked for the opportunity to share his report on his studies of Montgomery at a presentation at Pratt Hall. His studies are focused on how people make up the community, where they live, and how they interact through civic organizations and their programs. His presentation at Pratt Hall would be on how the MHS tries to connect to the community through history and social events; the presentation is to be followed by a Q&A. Ave is making similar presentation at the CEA event at Montgomery House on June 16th and at the library on August 10th. His presentation would be sometime at the end of July; Scott will confirm the date and time with him.

Minutes:

Pat made a Motion, seconded by Elsie to approve the Minutes of May 18th, 2011 as written; Motion was unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's Report – 06/15/11:

Checking balance	\$ 11,313.63
Lalia Pratt Hays CD	593.66
Stained Glass windows CD.....	5,777.75
Michael Domina Print S/A.....	582.80

Loan balance: \$ 0.00

Sue received a check from the TD Bank for the Affinity program in the amount of \$8,996.11; as decided at the last meeting this amount was applied to the loan with the balance to be deposited in the checking account to be used for payment of the last bills for the repairs on the front entrance.

Marijke made a Motion, seconded by Bill to approve the Treasurer's Report of June 15, 2011 as presented; Motion was unanimously approved.

Membership:

Marijke reported a total membership to-date of 168 with contributions of \$9,010.00; there are 8 new members and 17 business partners. We are ahead of last year at this time by about \$1,400.00.

Old business:

A. Pratt Hall: Front entryway project update – repair by Jan Lewandoski of the molding around the small window above the door is the only item left.

The doors have been stripped and are stored at Ken's house; there is some rot at the bottom of the doors that will require repair before painting.

When all is said and done and the work completed, the total expected cost will be ±\$50,000.00 which includes ±\$20,000.00 of volunteer labor and donated services.

B. Town History Book – no further action.

C. Regional History Expo at Franklin, June 9th – No further update.

E. Annual meeting June 17th –

Scholarship recipients are: Kai Dandurand
Whitney Benzing
Alex Kolva

The focus of the Meeting will be the front entryway project of the last six months.

F. Memorial service for Betty Stanton's daughter – Sunday, June 19th. Parma will prepare sandwiches and some other simple dishes and desert. Pat and Scott will be present to greet and help guests up the stairs.

G. Review photos for 2012 calendar – no further action.

G. Radar scope:

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

New business:

- A. July 4th Parade – no further action.
- B. 2012 VT Expo Theme – Vermont in Civil War – no further action
- C. Howard Coffin visited Montgomery and toured the town with Scott. He is writing a book on the towns where the Vermont Civil War veterans came from.
- D. Organ Historical Society Visit – Scott assisted two members who were researching Montgomery organ maker, Edward H. Smith, brother of the Smith brothers who owned and operated the mill in Black Falls. They promised to provide copies of their information.
- E. Marijke asked permission to contact Avery Stanley to smooth out the area next to the Heaton House where the big pine tree was removed to make it look more presentable. Permission was granted.
- F. Abe Brown came to pick up the Franklin County framed map that he loaned to the MHS in 1988.
- G. Ken had a quiz – which towns do not border Montgomery? Jay and Berkshire.

Adjourn:

Sue moved a Motion, seconded by Bill to adjourn at 6:29 P.M. Said Motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting Wednesday, July 20th, 2011 - 5:30 PM at Pratt Hall

Respectfully submitted,
Marijke M. Dollois