



MONTGOMERY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of Meeting

Pratt Hall, Montgomery

Wednesday, June 17, 2009 @ 5:30 PM

THESE ARE THE UNOFFICIAL MINUTES UNTIL APPROVED BY THE BOARD.

Board Members and Members Present:

Scott Perry, Sue Wilson, Marijke Dollois, Bill Branthoover, Pat Farmer, Jo Anne Bennett, Parma Jewett, Tim Chapin

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

Recognition of visitors/guests: New Director – Tim Chapin

1. **Minutes of 05/20/09:**

Amendment: Correction to - 4. Old Business – B. Stained Glass windows Cards....debit should read deficit.

Sue made a Motion, seconded by Pat to approve the Minutes of 05/20/09 with Amendment; Motion was unanimously approved.

2. **Treasurer's Report:**

Marijke made a Motion, seconded by Jo Anne to approve the Treasurer's Reports of 06/16/09; the Motion was unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report of 06/16/09:

Checking Account	\$ 10,198.70
Lalia Pratt Hays Scholarship CD	582.04
Capital Improvement CD	1,889.41
Stained Glass Window Fund CD	5,659.11

Line of Credit balance	\$16,040.00
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There are 36 members signed up for the Affinity Program.

3. **Membership Update:**

Marijke reported that 146 memberships had been received for a total of \$7,240.00; this includes 9 new members and 14 business partners.

4. **Old Business:**

A. Dates to remember:

June 19 – Annual Meeting

June 20 – Bug Treatment

July 18 – Wedding

July 18 – Concert 1 – Atlantic Crossing

Aug. 1 – Concert 2 – Eleva Chamber Players

Aug. 15 – Concert 3 – 35th Parallel

Aug. 21 – Art Show Member Appreciation Reception

Aug. 22 – Art Show

- B. Pratt Hall Bug Treatment Access Open/Close – John Beaty will attend to this.
- C. Annual Meeting Prep – at 5:30 Sue and Marijke Will finish set-up as Parma delivers the food.
- D. Fourth of July – it was decided to postpone using the stagecoach in the parade as there is still too much work to be done to it to have it ready by that date; it will be used next year.
- E. Things to keep on the radar scope:
 - Butler Decorative Cloth – no further action
 - Marion Towle Project – exhibit is almost complete and will be set-up before the Annual Meeting, June 19th.
 - Old Maps Project – Scott presented a 1898 hand-drawn copy of the original (±1800) lotting map for Montgomery; each grantee was assigned a lot (or lots), which included lots for schools and churches. One of the original grantees was Ira Allen. The current Town property map can be used as an overlay to determine the location of current properties.
 - Archives, accessioning, moving and storage – Scott and Parma have worked towards completion of entering and accessioning items donated in the last few years. Scott prepared an Excel program which makes it very easy to enter data. Photographs will be taken at time of the move and added to the records. The move and new storage will require a lot of thought in order to achieve a logically organized and accessible collection. Scott suggested that this be done when Pratt Hall is not used because this process might take several weeks.
 - Stage project – Pat and André Gareau have worked hard to make some repair and put the stage together for the Annual Meeting. It was discovered that axle showed a name: D. Arthur Brown. Further research on the internet gave the information that D. Arthur Brown manufactured axles in Concord, NH from 1864 to 1880 and then sold it to the Concord Axle Manufacturing Co. Conclusion, “our” stage probably dates from 1880 or before.
 - Grant writing – no further update
 - Edlers Night III – no further update
 - Stained Glass windows Cards – no further update

5. **New Business:**

- A. Insurance Review Meeting Report – Scott and Marijke met with the representative from Hull Insurance Agency to review our current policy. She suggested raising the deductible in order to save money on the premium. Marijke made a Motion, seconded by Parma to raise the deductible to \$1,000; the Motion was unanimously approved. This will be a saving of \$300. There will be a new assessment on the value of Pratt Hall as well as the Heaton House, although questions were raised as to the necessity of insurance on that building. We would need insurance on the contents (which we already have) but it would be particular to location. The representative would also investigate the necessity of insurance for special functions. Sue did mention that we pay the extra \$100 insurance for functions such as the Art Show to cover the items shown as they do fall under our regular content coverage.

- B. Scholarship Program Changes – Sue, Rita Kalsmith and Patty Hathaway met and reviewed the scholarship applications received. Anna Charette and Melinda Ryea will each receive \$300. Rita made some changes to the application letter, including the requirement for a 150-word essay about “How Living in Montgomery Impacted Your Life.”

- C. Schedule for Docenting Pratt Hall – Scott asked for volunteers to open Pratt Hall for visitors from 1:00 – 3:00 PM on either a Saturday or Sunday. Sue and Parma signed up for June 27; Marijke and Noela for July 11; other dates to be determined.

- D. Annual Meeting presentation review – Scott showed the powerpoint presentation he has prepared; he will update any financial and membership information before the meeting.

6. **Adjourn:**

Bill B. moved and Pat seconded a motion to adjourn at 6:40 P.M. Said motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting will be Wednesday, July 15th at Pratt Hall .

Respectfully submitted,
Marijke M. Dollois