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MONTGOMERY HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
 Minutes of Meeting  
 Pratt Hall, Montgomery Village

Wednesday, July 20, 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, Pat Farmer, Elsie Saborowski, Tim Chapin, Ken Secor

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

**Recognition visitors/guests:**

None

**Minutes:**

Bill made a Motion, seconded by Pat to approve the Minutes of June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011 as written; Motion was unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer's Report – 07/20/11:

Checking balance .....	\$ 8,122.35
Lalia Pratt Hays CD .....	593.88
Stained Glass windows CD.....	5,779.95
Michael Domina Print S/A.....	582.81

Concert – Onion River Jazz Band

Cost.....	\$ 1,500.00
Ticket Sales.....	502.00

Total Concert Sponsorships to date..... \$ 975.00

Art Show – 7 paid artists

Ken made a Motion, seconded by Elsie to approve the Treasurer's Report of July 20, 2011 as presented; Marijke mentioned that the amount of concert sponsorships did not appear to be correct – she will check her records and advise Sue accordingly. Motion was unanimously approved.

### **Membership:**

Marijke reported a total membership to-date of 178 with contributions of \$9,825.00; 127 reminder letters were sent out on July 18<sup>th</sup> at a cost of \$52.98 - two have already replied for a total contribution of \$275.00.

### **Old business:**

- A. Pratt Hall: Front entryway project is coming along. Scott sent an e-mail and DVD to the Eastman Foundation (see attached) to thank them and bring them up-to-date. The front step project cost ±\$600.00 (versus a quote of \$2,500.00). Bill made a Motion, seconded by Elsie to authorize the treasurer to give a check book to Scott and Marijke respectively to facilitate payments during the treasurer's absence; the Motion was unanimously approved. Many positive comments on the work have been received such as "The new entrance to Pratt Hall is BEAUTIFUL!! Such fine work!!" from Rebecca Cummins.
- B. Regional History Expo Wrap up – Elsie reported that the exhibit was a great success with ±200 visitors. Most of the Franklin county historical societies participated and feedback was very positive.
- C. Town History Book – no further action.
- D. Review Events List – no change
- E. Art Show prep – Monday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30 AM will be set-up time.
- F. Review photos for 2012 calendar – no further action.
- G. Radar scope:
  - Teaching American History Grant
  - Domina print fundraiser update
  - Old maps project
  - Grant writing
  - VT History Expo (Civil War)
  - Ave Leslie Presentation - Fall

### **New business:**

- A. Pat suggested we improve on publicity for the concerts and other events, not only by posters and advertising, but also through Facebook, and appoint a publicity coordinator. He further suggested sending out a survey to the membership (old and new) for feedback; the survey could be done via email or in a separate mailing.

### **Adjourn:**

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

**Next meeting Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011 - 5:30 PM at Pratt Hall**

Respectfully submitted,  
Marijke M. Dollois

Pratt Hall Project DVD letter/email

I've enclosed a copy of a DVD we showed at our just completed Annual Meeting. It's about 8 minutes long and documents the Pratt Hall project through June 17<sup>th</sup>. I thought you and the Eastman Trustees would appreciate an update. We still need to apply finish coats of paint, patch a few small holes inside, and rebuild the steps and porch but that should be done this summer.

It's been a long haul, starting with our planning work with the Preservation Trust of VT in 2007 and the application to your office back in August of 2009. We will have spent nearly \$30,000 in cash on the project. Eastman grants will cover \$4,500 of the \$13,500 raised in grants. The remaining cash was raised from the membership and the TD Bank Affinity program. An additional \$20,000 in donation of members' time and corporate services will bring the total project value to about \$50,000.

I hope the Trustees will be pleased with the return on their investment. Please thank them for us and let me know if there is anything else we can do from our end. We will be taking a rest but will no doubt have other projects down the road.