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MONTGOMERY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Minutes of Meeting
Pratt Hall, Montgomery Center

Wednesday, August 15, 2012 @ 5:30 PM

THESE ARE THE UNOFFICIAL MINUTES UNTIL APPROVED BY THE BOARD.

Board Members and Members present:

Board Members – Scott Perry, Bill McGroarty, Sue Wilson, Marijke Dollois, Pat Farmer, Jo Anne Bennett, Tim Chapin, Elsie Saborowski, Parma Jewett, John Beaty.

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

He announced that Betty Stanton, long-time member and supporter of the MHS passed away.

Bill Branthoover will be arriving later this month by car with a friend; Margaretta will be flying in at a later date.

1. **Recognition visitors/guests:**

Noela McGroarty

2. **This Month in History:** 1777 Battle of Bennington; 1881 St. Isidore's Church is consecrated.

3. **History Quiz:**

What is St. Isidore patron saint of? **Farmers and laborers.**

St. Batholomew is patron saint of levitation – all things that move.

4. **Show and Tell:**

Scott showed the original application documents and photographs submitted for listing of Pratt Hall on the National Register of Historic Places.

He also brought in two clock hour hands (from the rear an common side clock faces) to show the design and how they had deteriorated; duplicates have been made by Pat and were installed.

5. **The Main Event:**

Minutes:

Pat made a Motion, seconded by Tim to approve the Minutes of July 18, 2012 as written; Motion was unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report:

<u>Treasurer's Report – 08/15/12:</u>	<u>Interest</u>
Checking balance	\$ 3,778.25
Lalia Pratt Hays CD	596.140.25%
Stained Glass windows CD.....	5,801.88.....0.25%
Michael Domina Print S/A.....	708.18.....0.05%
Savings Account – West Wall	\$ 14,775.01.....0.05%

77 Affinity members

Sue reported that the concert of Susie Arioli had revenues of \$1,692 and the Gordon Stone \$728.

All bills have been paid including Ted Bruckner \$5,000.00 and Tim Murphy \$800.

A discussion took place regarding the interest rate of the Savings Account for the West Wall. It is anticipated that this money will not be used for another two years during which period funds will be added from the checking account of, hopefully, grants. Tim Chapin offered to investigate investment possibilities at a higher rate of interest. Parma mentioned that 501-3-C (non-profit) organizations are by law not allowed to invest in high risk accounts, such as the stock market.; Tim will make sure as to what the parameters are for investments by non-profits.

After discussion, Parma made Motion, seconded by Bill to accept the Treasurer's report as written; Motion was unanimously approved.

Membership:

Marijke reported 179 members have renewed for a total of \$9,210.00. A reminder letter has been sent out to 125 members who have not yet renewed; this includes members who contributed from 2000-2011.

Pat made Motion, seconded by Bill to accept the Membership report as presented; Motion was unanimously approved.

Old business:

- A. Town History Book update – Jo Anne asked to confirm as to which businesses to list; the consensus was to list only those that have a public visibility and access, i.e. those located on Routes 118 and 242. Scott and Marijke will meet with Jo Anne to help her finalize the chapter.
- B. Review events list – see updated list attached
- C. Art Show, T&T, Open House/Exhibits – Noela reported that only 5 artists had signed up and due to this poor response the Art Show was cancelled; she will contact Sue to get refund checks for those who had signed up. The Board thanked Noela for all her hard work in putting together the past art shows.

Trinkets & Treasures – Tent set-up will be Friday morning, August 24th at 10 AM. Drop-off of items is scheduled for Saturday, September 18th from 9-12. Scott and Pat will pick up items that haven stored in Sue garage at 9 AM on Saturday, September 18th.

Tim made Motion, seconded by Bill to help finance the rental of a Port-a-Potty at a cost of \$25.00 and to close the MHS bathroom to the public; Motion carried with a 7-3 vote. Marijke will e-mail Marsha with this information.

D. Pratt Hall work – Steve Hathaway will refurbish the railings and install them sometime November/December. The ramp will be stained grey and the step re-done after HarvestFest. Tim Murphy charged \$800 for the wheel chair ramp. Scott will send receipts to both Tim and Ted Bruckner for the actual value of their work (\$1,500 for Tim and \$10,000 for Ted).

The painting of the tower required an enormous amount of prep work due to rot; the actual cost of painting was closer to \$10,000. Ted charged \$3,000 for the work and \$2,000 for lift rental; he arranged for most of the supplies to be donated. Sue made Motion, seconded by Parma to pay Ted an additional amount of up to \$1,000; Motion was unanimously approved.

E. Refurbished sign – Parma will take on this work sometime mid-September.

F. Clock winding – Luke Scheffler will be going off to college; his father, Kevin, will take over while he is away. Michael Carpenter offered his help whenever necessary. As Scott said, we now have a “stable” of clockwinders!

G. Radar scope:

- 1) Teaching American History Grant
- 2) Domina print fundraiser update
- 3) Old maps project.....making progress
- 4) Grant writing Western Wall
- 5) Ave Leslie Presentation – TBD – could be September or October.
- 6) Beers Atlas and large County Map acquisition – no further action
- 7) Tortolano concert – Scott suggested we ask him to play the organ at next year’s annual meeting.

6. **New business:**
None

7. **Adjourn:**
Bill made a Motion, seconded by Pat to adjourn at 6:32 P.M. Said Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Marijke M. Dollois

MHS 2012 Dates

As of: 7/15/12

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

July 20th, Friday, CEA

August 11th, Saturday, 9-12:00 Trinkets and Treasures Prep.

August 18th, Saturday, 9-12:00 Trinkets and Treasures Prep.

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 7th, Friday, Wedding Rehearsal Pratt Hall

September 8th, Saturday, Dennis/Crowley wedding

September – LLHS Award Nominations due

October 6th, Saturday, 8:00 p.m. Pratt Hall

Concert by the Common – the Fanning/Davydov Duo (piano and cello) playing
Brahms, Debussy and Bach.

Both Diana Fanning and Dieuwke Davydov are great artists and have international careers.

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 15th, Saturday, 4:30 p.m. Wedding (Pelletier)

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

The Montgomery Historical Society Board is...

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