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MONTGOMERY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
 Minutes of Meeting
 Pratt Hall, Montgomery Village

Wednesday, August 17, 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, Sue Wilson, Pat Farmer, Elsie Saborowski, John Beaty, Parma Jewett

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

Recognition visitors/guests: None

History Quiz:

- a. What was the total of the first Federal budget?
 1) \$450,000 2) \$1.5 Million 3) \$4 million 4) nearly \$10 million
 FY 2011 request was \$3.83 trillion.
- b. Prior to the implementation of the Income Tax, tariffs were the principal source of Federal revenue. What percentage did they generally make up prior to 1860?
 1) 50% 2) 60% 3) 75% 4) 80%
 Generally between 80 and 95%. Other sources were excise taxes and special levies.
- c. What was the average "tax" per person in 1790?
 1) \$1.00 2) \$200 3) \$5.00 4) \$10.00
 Base on a population of about 4 million earning .25/day, it would take four days to earn enough to cover an individual's share of the "tax".

Minutes:

Minutes were unavailable and will be reviewed at the September meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's Report – 08/17/11:
 Checking balance \$ 6,780.54
 Lalia Pratt Hays CD 594.10
 Stained Glass windows CD 5,782.02
 Michael Domina Print S/A 582.83

 Loan balance: \$ 0.00

The Treasurer's Report was accepted by acclamation

Membership:

Scott reported a total membership to-date of 196 with contributions of \$10,615

Old business:

A. Pratt Hall: The outside work is complete for this year with the exception of final clean up. The lower wheel chair ramp will be built next year and the wooden portions will be stained grey. "Men with Tools" hope to patch interior entryway holes in September. This will be followed by electrical work and painting, including the floor. Members indicated that the door to the Heaton House needs to be fixed as well.

B. Art Show set up will be Monday at 10:00 a.m.

C. Town History Book Update: No Report

D. The events list was reviewed. The VHS Annual Meeting is Sep 24th and the LLHS Annual Meeting is Nov 4th.

E. CBTC: Scott met with Steve who reported he expected about a \$500 deficit from this year's series, attributed in part to the lack of Vermont Arts Council funding and increases in performers' fees. He recommended we do just one concert next year and try to do it in conjunction with another MHS event. He also recommended we increase ticket prices, noting membership prices are the same as ticket prices were 23 years ago.

F. The Board agreed to do a 2012 calendar of pictures of Montgomery buildings. Scott will work with Parma to select 13 photos for the Board to review at the next meeting.

G. Radar scope:

- Teaching American History Grant
- Domina print fundraiser update
- Old maps project
- Grant writing
- VT History Expo 2012 (Civil War)
- Ave Leslie presentation. Ave will be back in September.

New business:

A. Scott reviewed the Town's plan to put up a temporary bridge just downstream of the Longley Covered Bridge so repairs could be made to the Longley Bridge.

B. Scott informed the group about an offer by Dr. William Tortolano on the Canadian Landscape Impressionists "Gang of Seven". The Board supported booking him as a speaker.

C. Scott briefed the Board on his communications with the Grandson of Clayton Fuller and his offer to donate items to the Society.

D. Scott also discussed the VHS and LLHS Annual Meetings. Both will be in Montpelier. Willem Lange will be the keynote speaker at LLHS. Scott would like the "Men With Tools" to attend, as well as any others.

Adjourn:

Parma moved and Sue seconded a Motion to adjourn. The meeting ended at 6:30

Next meeting Wednesday, September 21st, 2011 - 5:30 PM at Pratt Hall

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Perry