



MONTGOMERY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Minutes of Meeting
Pratt Hall, Montgomery
Wednesday, August 19, 2009 @ 5:30 PM

THESE ARE THE UNOFFICIAL MINUTES UNTIL APPROVED BY THE BOARD.

Board Members and Members Present:

Scott Perry, Bill McGroarty, Marijke Dollois, Bill Branthoover, Pat Farmer, Elsie Saborowski, Tim Chapin, Ken Secor, Jo Anne Bennett, John Beaty

Scott Perry called the Meeting to order at 5:34 PM.

Scott read a Thank You note from Elizabeth Nye for the use of Pratt Hall for her wedding. Two other weddings have been scheduled for next year, one in May and one in July.

Lois Lumbra donated an original handwritten letter by Mrs. Clayton Fuller giving the history of the covered bridges. The letter will be accessioned in the archives and possibly transcribed for usage in Pratt Hall.

Recognition of visitors/guests: Noela McGroarty, Ave Leslie

1. Minutes of 07/15/09:

Bill B made a Motion, seconded by Bill Mc to approve the Minutes of 07/15/09 with Amendment; Motion was unanimously approved.

2. Treasurer's Report:

Summer Concert Series:

Revenues	\$ 3,140.00
Concert attendance	1,751.00
Atlantic Crossing – 47 people	\$ 851.00
Eleva Players – 43 people	332.00
35 th Parallel – 54 people	568.00
	\$ 4,891.00
Expenses:	
Atlantic Crossing.....	\$ 850.00
Eleva Chamber Players	1,200.00
35 th Parallel.....	1,000.00
Banner for concerts	224.12
	(\$ 3,274.12)
Profit:	<u>\$ 1,616.88</u>

Treasurer's Report:

Checking balance	\$ 12,326.73
Lalia Pratt CD – 2.80% – matures 10/05/09	584.72
Capital Improvement CD – 1.75% – matures 11/10/09	1,894.91
Stained Glass windows CD – 3.35% – matures 09/24/09	5,690.74
Line of Credit balance owed	\$ 15,560.00

Jo Anne made a Motion, seconded by Elsie to transfer \$1,500.00 from the checking account to the Line of Credit against the principal balance; Motion was unanimously approved.

Pat made a Motion, seconded by Ken to transfer \$500.00 earned by the TD Bank Affinity Program (56 members) to the Line of Credit against the principal balance; Motion was unanimously approved.

3. Membership Update:

Marijke reported that 198 memberships had been received for a total of \$9,560.00; this includes 16 new members, 5 honorary members and 20 business partners.

4. Old Business:

A. Dates to remember:

Aug. 21 – Art Show Member Appreciation Reception

Aug. 22 – Art Show/CBGC HarvestFest

B. Art Show update – see above

Noela reported that 22 artists had signed up for a total income of \$440.00; expenses were \$193.51 plus \$250.00 for the wine; tickets will be sold on both days for a raffle of a Michael Domina painting with half-price painting class.

C. Insurance Review Discussion

The agent of Hull Insurance will meet with the Board at the next meeting in September.

The purpose of the discussion is to pin down a scenario short of a catastrophe e.g.

- a car hits the building, does structural damage
- a stone is thrown at the building and does damage to the stained glass windows
- a small fire

The insurance should not cover replacement cost; in case of a major catastrophe (e.g. large fire), Pratt Hall would not be rebuilt, the windows are irreplaceable and the archives would most likely be destroyed beyond salvation.

Ken asked if other insurance companies had been contacted and if it would be possible to bring the underwriter to the meeting. Sue and Scott have been in touch with other insurance companies and also with the Vermont Historical Society and Gallery and Museum Alliance – they were informed that most historical societies of our size self-insure; archival and stained glass window insurance would make the rate prohibitive.

D. Pratt Hall

1. Recent repairs and additional work – Scott acknowledged and thanked Bill, Pat, Tim and Ken for the excellent job they did in replacing the stairs to the basement – it is a great improvement.
2. Draft letter to Bill Hays, Trustee of the Eastman Foundation for entry work – Scott presented a draft letter asking for a \$15,000.00 grant to repair the floor and foundation in the entry way. The Board approved the letter and request and directed Scott to present the letter to Bill Hays during his visit this month to Montgomery. If we do not receive the full amount we may have to finance some of the cost.

E. Things to keep on the radar scope – No action taken

- Butler Decorative Cloth – Bill B
- Old Maps Project - Scott
- Archives, accessioning, moving and storage – Scott/Parma
- Stage project – Scott/Pat
- Grant writing - Scott
- Edlers Night III – Jo Anne

- Stained Glass windows cards – Scott
- Schedule for Docenting Pratt Hall

5. New Business:

- A. Cookbook project – Scott met with Betty Stanton and Jo Anne to discuss this project suggested by Betty. It would involve gathering recipes from MHS former and current members intertwined with Montgomery stories and photographs. While the project sounds very interesting, Scott stressed to Betty that it requires an enormous amount of work and time from many people. The project has been put on hold pending volunteer of a committee chairperson. Soctt will solicit volunteers in the next newsletter.

6. Adjourn:

Bill Mc moved and Bill B seconded a motion to adjourn at 6:35 P.M. Said motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting will be Wednesday, September 16th at Pratt Hall .

Respectfully submitted,
Marijke M. Dollois