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MONTGOMERY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Minutes of Meeting
Pratt Hall, Montgomery

Wednesday, August 21, 2013 @ 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, Tim Chapin, Elsie Saborowski, Jo Anne Bennett, Parma Jewett, Ken Secor

Scott called the Meeting to order at 5:28 PM.

1. **Recognition visitors/guests:**

None

2. **This Month In History:**

This month in 1973 was the first recorded meeting of a group that would eventually become the Montgomery Historical Society. They would circulate a petition soliciting people interested in joining a Society. Just three weeks later 34 signed and pledged to pay membership dues of \$5.00 annually. The following were appointed as a Nominating Committee:

Lawrence Pratt

Margaret St. Onge

Sharon DeVries

Beatrice Chaffee

Irene Scott

3. **History Quiz:**

The next month at a meeting of the new Society how many people showed up?

A. 10

B. 20

C. 30

D. 40 (54)

4. **Show and Tell:**

Scott presented a photocopy of a picture in the possession of Billy Baker showing the town truck equipped with a grader blade used in the '40s-'50s.

Clayton Fuller's grandson, Robert Sowers, and son of Marion Arduini, who was a long-time member of the Society, sent pictures and negatives of Black Falls Road and the burning of the Tudhope Store which was to the west of George Robert's house in Montgomery.

Scott showed the new television acquired by the MHS which will be used to make presentations when tours are given to visitors. A slideshow of the Pratt Hall repairs and status of the West Wall is now available on You-tube (linked from the MHS website).

5. **The Main Event:**

Minutes:

The following corrections are due:

- Paragraph C. Capital Campaign c) - add Patty Perl as part of the Committee
- T-shirt price is \$15.00, not \$10.00

Pat made a Motion, seconded by Bill to approve the Minutes of June 19th, 2013 as amended; Motion was unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's Report – 08/21/13:

Checking balance \$ 6,015.77

Stained Glass- West Wall Savings Account \$ 48,321.91

80 Affinity members

The Concert Series was a success, however, a loss of about \$400-500 was incurred due to increased lodging expenses. Steve has indicated this to be his last concert series; it will not be possible to hold the series next year as extensive construction work is anticipated during the summer.

Scott reported that visitors to our website will now be able to purchase items on line and pay their membership with PayPal – the cost is 30¢ per transaction plus 2.2 percent of the gross purchase.. Scott, Sue and Marijke will get together to see how the recording will be handled.

Ken made a Motion, seconded by Tim made a Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented; Motion was unanimously approved.

Membership:

183 members; 9 new members - \$11,086.00.

A membership reminder letter was sent out early August.

Old business:

A. West Wall Capital Campaign

- 1) Financial Report – see Treasurer's Report above
- 2) Committee Reports
 - a. Institutional (Private/Government) – Scott has completed a first draft for a \$20,000 VT Div for Historic Preservation grant. Scott and Bill are researching additional grants and bill will be in contact with the Vermont Congressional delegation.
 - b. Commercial/Corporate – no report yet; Sue, Marijke and Patty to prepare a list of possible corporate donors.

c. Retail/Fundraisers/Events –

- 1) Pat obtained two sample bricks, one from BricksRUs and one from Gift Bricks – the consensus was that the brick from BricksRUs would present the clearest laser inscription.

The cost would be:

Gift Bricks - \$15.80/brick plus shipping; no shipping charge for order of 100 or more. They would require a contract of commitment.

BricksRUs - \$19.00/brick, which includes shipping; no contract and no limit on ordering. They would match anybody's price.

Ken suggested to research local suppliers of bricks and engraving, such as Trowel Trade for bricks and Extreme Engraving for the laser printing. Scott and Pat will follow up.

- 2) Tim reported on “Jars for Coins” – these jars will be available for HarvestFest – whenever someone returns a jar filled with coins they will receive 5 ticks to the raffle for a quilt; raffle will be held at the MHS Annual Meeting in June 2014.
- 3) Tim further presented a proposed letter to be sent to financial brokers and insurance agents.

3. Administrative ... Schedule

Tim presented a proposed schedule of events/actions as follows:

September – letter to the MHS full mailing list

October – German dinner with music at The Grange October 20th. Sue suggested asking Greg Lucas from the Black Lantern to provide his special beers and wine for sale.

December – member appreciation night does not have to be simultaneous with Carols & Candles; could be a larger event with music and/or silent auction at an earlier date.

- B. Town History Book update – Scott received the latest version from the printer which he reviewed and has now passed on to Marijke. After her review it will be ready for indexing. JoAnne or Ken will investigate the cost of a DVD and E-book edition.
- C. Regional Expo Aug. 10th, Enosburg Opera House – Parma, Sue and Elsie attended the Expo and reported that there was a good turnout and many positive comments. The exhibit was early Montgomery clothing will be displayed at Pratt Hall – Parma will do some more research for labeling.
- D. August 24th Open House/Exhibit – set-up will be Friday August 23rd at 10:00 AM.
- E. VCBS Meeting September 28th – Scott will talk about Montgomery's bridges. Scott will give a tour of Pratt Hall.
- F. Former Baptist Church – The Board (Everett McGinley – President; Marijke Dollois – Vice President; Nick Barletta – Treasurer; Sue Wilson – Secretary) has met and are still trying to establish proper ownership and review the lease agreement with the tenant of the parsonage.

G. Heaton House – the consensus was to wait until next Spring to do the repainting – “Black Lantern” color with off-white trim.

Z. Reminders:

- 1) Teaching American History Grant – no report
- 2) Domina prints – will be available at HarvestFest for \$25.00 each.
- 3) Stanton Memorial Gift...Cash/Granite Bench – no report
- 4) MHS Sign – Parma is still working on it; should be available when the weather turns colder to make the gold-leaf adhere to the background.
- 5) June 21 – 22, 2014 VT History Expo; theme is “Artists and Artisans: Vermont’s Creative Heritage.”

6. **New business:**

- a) LLHS meeting Nov. 1 in Barre; no nominations from MHS; VHS Annual Meeting Sept. 21.
- b) The Franklin County Quilters Circle will meet with Scott next week to discuss the quilt to be donated to the MHS for a raffle. It will be available April 2014 for display.

7. **Adjourn:**

Ken made a Motion, seconded by JoAnne to adjourn at 6:40 P.M. Said Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Marijke M. Dollois

MHS 2013 EVENTS & DATES

Directors meet the third Wednesday of each month at Pratt Hall (April-October) or the Montgomery Public Safety Building (November-March).

Members are welcome.

2013

- August 24** HarvestFest Open House/Tours. Pratt Hall.
- Sept. 21** VHS Annual Meeting
- Sept. 27** Pratt Hall – wedding rehearsal Lavery/Stanley
- Sept. 28** Pratt Hall – wedding Lavery/Stanley
- Sept. 28** Vermont Covered Bridges Society Annual Meeting, Town Hall (Sponsored by MHS), Tours of Pratt Hall that afternoon
- Sept.** LLHS nominations due
- Nov. 1** LLHS Annual Meeting in Barre
- Dec. 22** Carols and Candles – Pratt Hall 5:00 PM

2014

- June 21-22** Vermont history Expo. Theme is “Artists and Artisans: Vermont’s Creative Heritage.” Tunbridge Fairgrounds
- July** Wedding rehearsal Nelson. Pratt Hall
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