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MONTGOMERY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Minutes of Meeting
Pratt Hall, Montgomery Center

Wednesday, September 19, 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, Marijke Dollois, Pat Farmer, Jo Anne Bennett, Tim Chapin, Elsie Saborowski, Parma Jewett, Ken Secor, Bill Branthoover.

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

1. **Recognition visitors/guests:**

None

2. **This Month in History:** The first representative from Montgomery was elected on September 7, 1802.

3. **History Quiz:**

Montgomery voter turnout for the 2012 presidential primary was 9.7%. Which Republican candidate won?

- Ron Paul – 18
- Rick Santorum – 16
- Mitt Romney – 9
- Newt Gingrich – 5
- John Huntsman – 1

What was the Montgomery voter turnout for the August 28th primary election? **Less than 13.2%.**

4. **Show and Tell:**

Bill Branthoover gave a complete study of the Montgomery school system over the years (1804 - the 1960s), which includes pictures on which several people have been identified. Bill has the only original picture of the Notch School.

Parma brought some old pictures of Montgomery donated by Marge Freer. Scott passed around a copy of a broadsheet from the (St. Albans) Daily Messenger dated November 24, 1863. Articles included a report on President Lincoln's dedication of the National Military Cemetery at Gettysburg and that Montgomery had met its most recent quota of 8 men for the Union army.

5. **The Main Event:**

Minutes:

Pat made a Motion, seconded by Elsie to approve the Minutes of August 15, 2012 as written; Motion was unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report:

<u>Treasurer's Report – 09/19/12:</u>	<u>Interest</u>
Checking balance	\$ 4,829.62
Lalia Pratt Hays CD	596.260.25%
Stained Glass windows CD.....	5,803.11.....0.25%
Michael Domina Print S/A.....	708.21.....0.05%
Savings Account – West Wall	\$ 15,895.88.....0.05%

77 Affinity members

All bills have been paid including an additional \$1,000.00 to Ted Bruckner \$5,000.00 as per previous Meeting decision.

To-date the concert series shows as profit of ±\$2,400.00; however, there are still some bills to be paid for printing, posters. Soundboard, piano-tuning and the final concert performers; the projected profit is ±\$1,300.00. Ken asked if the Board could have a report of revenue for each concert, respective and pro-rated expenses after payments of all bills and the final concert.

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

Membership:

Marijke reported 211 members have renewed for a total of \$11,010.00. There are so far 11 new members.

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

Old business:

- A. Town History Book update – In order to finalize the work Jo Anne would like to meet with Ave Leslie to confirm some of her information.
- B. Review events list – see updated list attached
- C. T&T, Open House/Exhibits –
Trinkets & Treasures brought in \$960.00; some left-over items will be sold on behalf of MHS at Elsie's fall garage sale. This was a great fundraiser!
The Open House was also very successful with great attendance and good feedback – one book was sold and one membership.
- D. Pratt Hall work – Bill and Tim stained the new ramp and re-stained the old one – it looks great! It was decided to take down the little shed next to the Heaton House as it is thoroughly rotten and cannot be used for storage.

Bill McGroarty was asked to contact Mr. Rebecki in Burlington to come and look at the stained glass windows and give a report on how to proceed, i.e. support or remove them, when the repair work will begin on the West Wall. Pat made a Motion, seconded by Ken that the cost of this consultation should not exceed \$500.00; Motion was unanimously approved.

- E. Pledge donation for tree cabling on the Common – Barry East, Master Gardener, has been raising funds to cable and protect the maple tree on the Village Green. Ken made a Motion, seconded by Pat to donate up to \$100.00 for the preservation of the maple tree on the Village Green; Motion was unanimously approved.
- F. CEA request – Rebecca Cummins sent an email to Scott to request the use of Pratt Hall for Friday, November 16th for a CEA presentation. At that time of the year heat will be required. Furthermore, the Christmas decorations will be in place. Parma has agreed to be the MHS agent for this event and will contact Rebecca to inform her that a \$50 payment will be required to cover the cost of heating.
- G. Civil War Exhibit – Scott has been in contact with the school and library to present and exhibit the Civil War Exhibit used at the Tunbridge Fair. The exhibit will be at the library for the month of November.
- H. 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
 - 6) Beers Atlas and large County Map acquisition – no further action
 - 7) Tortolano concert – Bill Mc will contact Mr. Tortolano for a meeting to discuss a time for his concert; Scott has suggested next year at the Annual Meeting.
 - 8) Refurbished sign – Parma is getting ready to start on the work; she will use the design of the “dove” quatrefoil in the circle that is currently on the sign.

6. **New business:**

Scott received a \$25 donation to the MHS in memory of Betty Stanton. He also reported that communication has been received from the attorney handling her estate that the MHS is one of seven devisees; there was no indication at this time how much or what will be given to the MHS.

A discussion took place on the investment of the savings for the repair of the West Wall. Tim has done some research; a 501(c)3 non-profit organization can invest in a for-profit account on a prudent basis. There are very few options if the money is cashed in 2 years; preferred stock with a call-date in 2 years would yield 2.5%. Currently we have ±\$21,700 between the Stained Glass Window Fund and West Wall Savings Account; with the \$20,000 Line of Credit we will need another \$60,000 to \$100,000 provided we receive a matching grant. A suggestion was made to put a “thermometer” on the front lawn next Spring to alert the community of our need. Tim will present a recommendation at the next meeting.

7. **Adjourn:**

Jo Anne made a Motion, seconded by Parma to adjourn at 6:48 P.M. Said Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Marijke M. Dollois

MHS 2012 Dates
As of: 09/19/12

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

September 14th – LLHS Award Nominations due

September 22nd – Betty Stanton memorial

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 2nd - League Of Local Historical Societies Annual Meeting, Woodstock, VT

December 14th, Friday, 6:00 p.m., Membership Holiday Social, 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...

Scott Perry, Bill Branthoover, Marijke Dollois, Sue Wilson, Bill McGroarty, Tim Chapin,
Ken Secor, Parma Jewett, Elsie Saborowski, John Beaty, Jo Anne Bennett, Pat Farmer and Patricia Perl