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MONTGOMERY HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
 Minutes of Meeting  
 Pratt Hall, Montgomery

Wednesday, September 15, 2010 @ 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, Bill Branthoover, Elsie Saborowski, Tim Chapin

Scott called the Meeting to order at 5:40 PM.

**Recognition visitors/guests:**

Ave Leslie

**Minutes:**

Elsie made a Motion, seconded by Bill McG to approve the Minutes of August 18, 2010 as written; Motion was unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Scott presented a Treasurer's Report submitted by Sue Wilson on September 8<sup>th</sup>:

Treasurer's Report – 09/08/10:

Checking balance .....	\$ 10,256.42
Lalia Pratt Hays CD .....	591.66
Stained Glass windows CD.....	5,758.26
Michael Domina Print S/A.....	582.57

Concert series:

Sponsorships .....	\$ 2,450.00
Ticket sales.....	<u>1,189.00</u>
Total:.....	\$ 3,639.00
Cost .....	3,250.00
Room at Montgomery House .....	<u>132.00</u>
<u>Profit:</u> .....	\$ 257.00

Marijke mentioned that another final payment should come in from the Vermont Council on the Arts.

Scott had no further update on the Affinity Program except that there was one additional member who assigned the MHS as their affinity partner.

Sue had mentioned to move some of the funds (\$4,000 - \$5,000) in the checking account to the Domina interest bearing savings account. The Board agreed with her suggestion and Scott will convey this information to Sue.

Marijke made a Motion, seconded by Bill B to approve the Treasurer's Report of September 8, 2010 as presented; Motion was unanimously approved.

### **Membership:**

Marijke reported a membership of 195 for a total of \$9,200.00 received. A membership reminder letter had been sent out on August 25th to 143 previous members; 11 had responded by September 15<sup>th</sup> for a total of \$325.00.

Scott presented a note from Charles and Patricia Harper who have a connection to the Gates family. He had helped them with genealogical research and put them in touch with Betty (Gates) Stanton. The note was accompanied with a check for \$100; Marijke will add them to our membership data and send them an acknowledgement.

### **Old business:**

#### A. Pratt Hall

- 1) Front entryway project update – Jan Lewandowski told Scott he will start the project late October. The grant money is good through June 2011 so there is no danger of losing this opportunity. Scott and Bill McG will visit with Jan at the Shelburne Farms where he is renovating a breeding barn. Ken Secor has contacted the Vermont Engineer's Group to see if they might be interested in the project, but there is no interest at this time.
- 2) Clock – Pat and Scott has worked on the clock and it chimes properly; however, they have still to figure out how to make it chime on a set time only.
- 3) Powder Post Beetles update – Pat did some further research and contacted the Vermont Dept. of Agriculture, Food & Markets; he was informed that anyone doing the treatment would have to be certified and attend instruction. All indications point to the hiring of a professional. Tim and Jo Anne offered to contact Paul Grenier and find out what product he used and if he is familiar with Timbor or Bora-Care.

#### B. Town History Book – No further update

#### C. Membership reminder letter – see "Membership" above.

#### D. Concerts By The Common – A brief discussion took place – perhaps one or two concerts would be enough; if the format of three concerts will be maintained they should be more spread out with at least one concert in the fall. The concerts do bring people into the building and make them aware of what's going on, and they are a form of community outreach. Marijke will contact Shirley Paldino to see what kind of piano she has available.

#### E. Radar scope

- School visit
- Teaching American History Grant
- Domina print fundraiser – Dee Dee Cumbie won the print
- Old maps project
- Grant writing
- Archives update- policy straw man
- Pratt Hall rental policy (backup policy)

**New business:**

- A. Annual Meetings – VHS September 25<sup>th</sup> and LLHS October 29<sup>th</sup>
- B. Carols and Carols – proposed date December 12<sup>th</sup> or December 11<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup>; Scott will contact Andrew Massey.
- C. Articles –  
Vermont Magazine will feature Montgomery in the November/December issue  
St. Albans Messenger will feature Franklin County historical societies after September 20<sup>th</sup>.
- D. October Newsletter – Scott presented a draft and asked input about the paragraph on Estate Planning; Tim will put some language together regarding this subject for the final newsletter.

**Adjourn:**

Pat moved and Jo Anne seconded a Motion to adjourn at 6:32 P.M. Said Motion passed unanimously.

**Next meeting:** October 20<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 PM in the PSB Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marijke M. Dollois