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MONTGOMERY HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
Minutes of Meeting  
Pratt Hall, Montgomery Village

Wednesday, September 21, 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, Parma Jewett, Ken Secor, Tim Chapin

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

**Recognition visitors/guests:** Alf Swenson

**History Quiz:**

- In a previous quiz we learned that about 8% of the Union Army was comprised of conscripts. What was the approximate percent of the Confederate Army?  
a. 12%      b. 25%      c. 48%      d. 52%  
Between 25% and 33% of forces east of the Mississippi circa 1864/1865.
- If you lived in Montgomery and received a Form 39 what did it mean? **You had been drafted!**
- If you lived in Montgomery and voluntarily enlisted what payment from the Town (bounty) did you, or your family, receive?  
a. \$75      b. \$350      c. \$500      d. \$1,000      e. nothing

Franklin County: "During the first year, in 1861, no special inducements were offered for enlistments, save \$7.00 per month paid by the State to the soldiers and their families, and then more soldiers volunteered than were required. In the summer and autumn of 1862, some towns paid small bounties, from \$25.00 to \$75.00 for three year's men. In 1863, town bounties ranged from \$100.00 to \$350.00 for three year's men, and in 1864, the highest point was reached, from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00. The town of Fairfield paid as high as \$1,000.00 for one year's men in the summer of 1864, while the town of Montgomery paid nothing throughout the war, except to drafted men." (Source: Hamilton Child, in "Gazetteer and Business Directory of Franklin and Grand Isle Counties," 1882.

**Minutes:**

Minutes from July 20<sup>th</sup> and August 17<sup>th</sup> were accepted as written as moved by Ken and seconded by Pat with the motion passing unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer's Report – 09/22/11:

Checking balance ..... \$ 5,910.26  
Lalia Pratt Hays CD ..... 594.28  
Stained Glass windows CD..... \$ 5,783.79  
Michael Domina Print S/A..... 707.88

Loan balance: ..... \$ 0.00

The Treasurer's Report was accepted by acclamation. Motion by seconded by Bill seconded by Parma.

**Membership:**

Scott reported we have met our membership goals of over 200 memberships with nearly \$11,000 in dues donations. This is the fifth year in a row we've met these goals! Congratulations to the Board and Marijke!!

**Old business:**

- A. Pratt Hall: The wooden steps platform had it's first coat of grey stain and the Men with Tools have begun patching the holes in the ceiling and walls. The light fixtures will be hung and the floor sanded and painted and that will wrap up the 2011 work. Mark and Susan Badorf have donated a new carpet runner. Ken volunteered to arrange for it to be hot seamed into one piece.
- B. The Art Show and Member Appreciation event was a success and turned a small profit. Peg Doheny won the raffle of the Michael Domina print. Sue will have a financial wrap up at the Oct meeting,
- C. Town History Book Update: No Report
- D. The events list was reviewed. The VHS Annual Meeting is Sep 24<sup>th</sup> and the LLHS Annual Meeting is Nov 4<sup>th</sup>.
- E. CBTC Wrap up: The final concert had a gate of about \$1,000 which may get us to the break even point. Sue will have a financial wrap up at the Oct meeting.
- F. Scott and Parma selected 13 photos and will press ahead with hopes of having the calendar available for sale in Oct.
- G. Irene Relief Collection: Parma moved and Sue seconded a motion to send the \$200 dollars collected at the Banjo Dan concert for Irene relief to the Preservation Trust of Vermont for their efforts to evaluate and repair/restore Vermont's historic structures damaged by Hurricane Irene. The motion passed unanimously.
- H. Scott and Parma reported on the visit to Pratt Hall by the Vermont Antique Automobile Association. They stopped here during a rally on September 10<sup>th</sup>. Scott gave them a short tour. They left donations of \$114.
- I. 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.
- Speaker – Group of Seven Art Movement in Canada. Tim Chapin will contact Dr. Tortalano and, if appropriate, arrange a date for a presentation. He will work with Scott on publicity etc.
- Clayton Fuller artifacts/Ephemera
- VHS Annual Meeting, Sep 24<sup>th</sup>, Montpelier
- LLHS Annual Meeting, Nov 4<sup>th</sup>, Montpelier. Scott submitted a nomination for Historic Preservation award.

**New business:** None

**Adjourn:** Parma moved and Pat seconded a Motion to adjourn. The meeting ended at 6:20

**Next meeting Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011 - 5:30 PM at Pratt Hall**

Respectfully submitted,  
Scott Perry

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**EVENTS**

September 21<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, 5:30p.m., Board Meeting, Pratt Hall.

September 24<sup>th</sup>, Friday, Vermont Historical Society Annual Meeting, Montpelier, VT

October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2:00p.m Wedding at Pratt Hall

October 19<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 5:30p.m., Board Meeting, Pratt Hall.

November 4<sup>th</sup> Friday, League of Local Historical Societies Annual Meeting / Awards, Montpelier, VT.

November 16<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 5:30p.m., Board Meeting, Pratt Hall.

December 16<sup>th</sup> Friday, Members Appreciation Reception, Pratt Hall.

December 17<sup>th</sup> Saturday, Open House, Pratt Hall.

December 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday, 6:30p.m., Candles and Carols, Pratt Hall.