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MONTGOMERY HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
Minutes of Meeting  
Pratt Hall, Montgomery

Wednesday, June 19, 2013 @ 1:30 PM

THESE ARE THE UNOFFICIAL MINUTES UNTIL APPROVED BY THE BOARD.

The Board and Members met at Pratt Hall at 12:00 P.M. for the presentation of the Affinity Check by Mara Pressman of TD Bank, N.A. Present were:

**Board Members:**

Scott Perry, Sue Wilson, Marijke Dollois, Pat Farmer, Elsie Saborowski, Bill McGroarty, Patty Perl, John Beaty, Tim Chapin

**Members:**

Mara Pressman, Sharon Perry, Winston Lewis, Noela McGroarty, Carol Farmer, Lutz Saborowski



After the presentation everyone moved across the street to the Black Lantern Inn for a luncheon and Board Meeting.

Scott called the Meeting to order at the Black Lantern Inn at 1:00 PM.

1. **Recognition visitors/guests:**

See above

2. **This Month In History:** 149 years ago this month Pres. Lincoln signed the second National Banking Act which eventually led to the U.S. going to one standard currency.
3. **History Quiz:** How many currencies were there in 1860? About 10,000 different banks notes.
4. **Show and Tell:**  
None
5. **The Main Event:**

**Minutes:**

Elsie made a Motion, seconded by Pat to approve the Minutes of May 15, 2013 as written; Motion was unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer's Report – 06/19/13:

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| Checking balance.....             | \$ 5,177.69  |
| Stained Glass windows CD.....     | 10,816.13    |
| Savings Account – West Wall ..... | \$ 19,157.74 |

80 Affinity members – Affinity check amount of \$7,236.08 will be added to the West Wall Savings Account for the time being.

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

**Membership:**

160 members; 11 new members and 13 business partners; \$8,951.00 (this includes \$850.00 not reflected in today's Treasurer's Report).

**Old business:**

- A. Town History Book update –The galley has been returned to Queen City Printers with corrections and annotations. Allan Schillhammer will get back with prices for different quantities to be printed. It was decided that it would be in one book.
- B. Regional Expo Plans Aug. 10<sup>th</sup>, Enosburg Opera House – no further action.
- C. Winter wedding – cancelled.
- D. VCBS Meeting – September 28<sup>th</sup> (same day as wedding at 10:00 AM). They will be using the Town Hall as the MHS guests due to a previously schedule wedding at Pratt Hall that morning. Scott will be their guest speaker and will give them a tour that afternoon. Marijke Dollois will be the Society agent for the wedding.
- E. Pratt Hall
  - Work day: Clean up and set up on Friday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM
  - Railing has been installed; Steve told Marijke he will make a new rose at no extra cost
  - Sign: Scott will contact Parma to see if she needs any extra help
  - Capital Campaign: Tim presented a sheet with questions to consider (see attached). It was decided to present the plan for the capital campaign at the Annual Meeting and ask the members present if anyone would be interested in joining the committee, which currently consists of Tim, Scott and Bill. Scott will contact Hugh McAdams to ask him if he'd be interested. Also, Jan Lewandoski has to come back for an updated estimate of the work to be done.
  - Grant writing: no further action

- F. Annual Meeting Friday, June 28<sup>th</sup> – Marijke reported that 26 people had responded to date.
- G. Concert series July 13, Aug. 3 and Aug. 17 – Sue reported that fans will be available for sale at \$1.00 each; tickets have been printed and will be for sale at Lutz's; Elsie will bring some to the Annual Meeting.
- H. Heaton House – The painting and shed demolition by Ezra Worthington has been scheduled for the week of August 11<sup>th</sup>; the Men With Tools will have to put on the new clapboards before that – date to be scheduled.
- Z. Radar scope:
- 1) Teaching American History Grant – no report
  - 2) Domina prints – it was decided to bring 5 copies to the Annual Meeting and offer them for sale at \$20.00 each (special limited offer!)
  - 3) Old maps project – no report
  - 4) Beers Atlas and large County Map acquisition – no report
  - 5) Stanton Memorial Gift...Cash/Granite Bench – no report
6. **New business:**
- A. Preservation Trust of Vermont Retreat July 8-9 – Tim and Scott will attend on the Society's dime.
- B. Former Baptist Church – Scott reported on a meeting that took place on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. There was a small, grassroots group present. The building is no longer used as a church; it needs ±\$100,000 in repair work which includes a paint job. There is a parsonage on the property which is currently rented. The heirs of the property have been contacted but so far there has been no response. The group discussed passing the building on to a non-profit group, but before doing this clear title will have to be established. The MHS Board Members agreed that the organization could not take on another building, but would be willing to work with the Baptist Church Building group in an advisory position.
- C. Organ Concert – The Organ Historical Society will be having their national convention in Burlington June 25-28<sup>th</sup>. It involves taking members to numerous venues for short concerts, and includes the organ built in Montgomery by Edward Smith located at the Episcopal church in Hardwick. Scott, Bill and John will attend. The OHS donated a calendar and book on VT Pipe Organs which includes an article on Edward Smith.
7. **Adjourn:**  
Elsie made a Motion, seconded by Pat to adjourn at 2:20 P.M. Said Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ken Secor  
Marijke M. Dollois

Questions for Pratt Hall Board: 6/19/13

How long before permanent repair of west wall required?

Can interim repair steps be taken?

Can restoration of Pratt Hall be viewed as a county wide, area wide, or state wide event?  
Is it an historical icon?

If Pratt Hall is an issue bigger than MHS, would a fund raising committee need to consist of area wide people, or organizations?

Should amount sought be larger than just for the purpose of repairing the wall? Other repairs or upgrades?

Do we need a Professional consultant? Pro bono?

What is the financial capacity of the board? The membership? Who in town has some serious money?

What organizations are available to provide support? Local and statewide? The State of Vermont?

We have a wealth of land, and fairly high demand. How can we identify properties in the hands of sympathetic donors?

Could we use the Remainder Trust idea to provide future cash flow, if we drain communities with this event? Would Members commit \$1000. from their estates?

# 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.

- June 28** Annual Meeting at Pratt Hall: 6:00 PM Social and 7:00 Business Meeting
- July 13** Concert By The Common #1. Pratt Hall. 8:00 PM. Eric Despard Trio
- August 3** Concert By The Common #2. Pratt Hall. 8:00 PM. Green Mountain Chorus; barbershop singing at its finest.
- August 10** Regional Expo at Enosburg Opera House
- August 17** Concert By The Common #3. Pratt Hall. 8:00 PM. "Lake Street Dive". An amazing young jazz/pop quartet featured on "Prairie Home Companion".
- August 31** HarvestFest Open House/Tours. Pratt Hall.
- Sept. 27** Pratt Hall – wedding rehearsal Lavery/Stanley
- Sept. 28** Pratt Hall – wedding Lavery/Stanley
- Sept.** LLHS nominations due
- Oct. or Nov.** LLHS Annual Meeting
- Dec. 22** Candles and Carols – Pratt Hall at 5:00 PM