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MONTGOMERY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Minutes of Meeting
Pratt Hall, Montgomery Center

Wednesday, July 18, 2012 @ 5:30 PM

THESE ARE THE UNOFFICIAL MINUTES UNTIL APPROVED BY THE BOARD.

Board Members and Members present:

Board Members – Scott Perry, Marijke Dollois, Pat Farmer, Jo Anne Bennett, Bill McGroarty, Patty Perl, Tim Chapin, Ken Secor (Sue Wilson and Elsie Saborowski arrived at 6:15).

Scott called the Meeting to order at 5:35 PM.

1. **Recognition visitors/guests:**

Noela McGroarty
Ave Leslie

2. **This Month in History:**

The Montgomery Rec Center was established in 1979.

3. **History Quiz:**

There are eight structures in Montgomery on the National Register of Historic Places. What are they and which one was placed on the Register first?

Comstock Bridge – 1974 and all other 5 bridges

Black Lantern Inn – 1993

Pratt Hall - 1987

4. **Show and Tell:**

NRHP Applications and pictures - Scott received the application documents for all the NRHP applications from the Vt Div of Historic Preservation.

The Vermont Ski Museum gave Scott at the Tunbridge Fair documents listing the non-existent, now defunct nordic ski areas in Montgomery – Alpine Haven Ski Touring Center, Northern Frontier Touring Center, Notchmont Ski Touring Center (this operated out of the current Perry home and Scott showed one of the old signs).

5. **The Main Event:**

Minutes:

Pat made a Motion, seconded by Ken to approve the Minutes of May 16, 2012 and June 13, 2012 as written; Motion was unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report:

<u>Treasurer's Report – 07/18/12:</u>	<u>Interest</u>
Checking balance	\$ 8,310.08
Lalia Pratt Hays CD	596.010.35%
Stained Glass windows CD.....	5,800.65.....0.35%
Michael Domina Print S/A.....	708.15.....0.05%
Savings Account – West Wall	\$ 14,474.39.....0.05%

76 Affinity members 2011-2012

Since this was presented at the end of the Meeting no Motion was made.

Membership:

Marijke reported 167 members have renewed for a total of \$8,875.00. With the addition of the checks for Sue this is now: 173 - \$9,085.00. A reminder letter will be sent out at the end of the month to those members who have not yet renewed.

Old business:

- A. Town History Book update – Jo Anne needs input as to which businesses to list; according to MACA there are 85 businesses in Town; the consensus was to list only those that have a public visibility and access, i.e. those located on Routes 118 and 242. Scott and Marijke will meet with Jo Anne to help her finalize the chapter.
- B. CEA BYOB Policy Discussion – After discussion Jo Anne made a Motion, seconded by Pat to leave the rental policy standing for the CEA, prohibiting the use of alcohol as determined in the rental policy. The Motion passed 7-1.

Tim agreed to be the MHS agent at the next CEA presentation of Friday, July 20th, with Marijke as back up.
- C. Review events list – see updated list attached
- D. Concerts – the last concert, the Gordon Stone Band, was good but not enough bluegrass, which was somewhat of the disappointment for some of the attendees. Attendance was about 60.
- E. Art Show – Noela has received 4 applications so far. A set-up date was confirmed for Tuesday, August 21st at 9:00 AM.
- F. Trinkets and Treasures – no further report
- G. Exterior painting – Most of the work has been done except for the top two tiers of the tower. Some repairs will have to be made before painting can continue – it was decided to fill in the rot this time, but at a future painting project these boards will have to be replaced. There is also rot at the bottom of the four clock faces. Scott and Pat will meet with Tim Murphy to discuss replacement on the curved moldings. While repairing/painting the clocks the electrical light fixtures will also be repaired or replaced. The lift is available till the end of July with an option to extend the rental for another week, if necessary.

Scott will also discuss with Tim the possibility of him building the wheelchair ramp and use the old railing for support. For the time being Scott will place two flower pots of either side of the short ramp as a visual cue to avoid people from stepping off by accident and hurting themselves.

- H. New/Refurbished sign – Scott will ask Parma if she is still willing to repair the sign as she previously offered to do.
- I. Tortolano Concert – Mr. Tortolano offered to do a concert playing the organ at Pratt Hall along with his son, who plays the cello; Scott proposed to do this sometime next year.
- J. 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 – could be September or October.
 - 6) Beers Atlas and large County Map acquisition – no further action

6. **New business:**

- 1) It was agreed to participate in the cost of advertising of a Montgomery page for the events taking place on August 25th together with the Covered Bridge Garden Club and Missisquoi River Basin Organization.

7. **Adjourn:**

Ken made a Motion, seconded by Bill to adjourn at 6:15 P.M. Said Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Marijke M. Dollois

MHS 2012 Dates

As of: 7/15/12

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

July 20th, Friday, CEA

August 11th, Saturday, 9-12:00 Trinkets and Treasures Prep.

August 18th, Saturday, 9-12:00 Trinkets and Treasures Prep.

August 24th, Friday, 6:00 p.m. Member Appreciation and Art Show Reception, Pratt Hall

August 25th, Saturday, 9:00 a.m. Art Show and Sale, Pratt Hall

August 25th, Saturday, 9:00 a.m. History Trinkets & Treasures Sale, Pratt Hall yard

September 7th, Friday, Wedding Rehearsal Pratt Hall

September 8th, Saturday, Dennis/Crowley wedding

September – LLHS Award Nominations due

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 - League Of Local Historical Societies Annual Meeting, Pratt Hall

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

December 15th, Saturday, 1:00-4:00, Open House, 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