

Presto Preservation Association

Board Meeting

February 27, 2016

Kathy Christiansen residence Blackfoot, ID

Meeting called to order by Kathy Christiansen at 1:08 p.m.

Attendance: Kathy Christiansen, Merle Clark, Becky Davis, Wendy Pratt, Megan Davis, Rick Just, Debbie Reid-Oleson, and Jan Hill by phone.

Minutes: Becky Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held in October 2015. Seconded and passed.

Financial Report: We have a current checking balance of \$10,919.01, with another \$600 plus held in reserve in our paypal account. Jan reported that she had gone through Wendy's quickbooks accounts and had verified the balance at the bank. She asked Wendy to do a more thorough reporting of the paypal account and Wendy said she had set that up and would keep it balanced.

Morrisite Presentations: Rick presented at New Meadows this winter to a small, appreciative audience.

Presto Press: The next issue will be dedicated to Wallace Reid with a deadline in May sometime. Char Reid has some ideas to help Rick.

Ancestry.com: Rick agreed to send the password to the Board.

House Restoration: We think a restoration committee is a good idea but we tabled it for now. We can consider this in 2017 when we start the actual brick restoration.

Window Repairs: Idaho Heritage Trust does not have a window restoration expert to recommend to us. We'll keep looking.

Bricks: Doug Peery, who will be restoring our bricks, saw a building in Firth that was falling down and thought the bricks might work for our project. We tried one out and they're a perfect match. Rich Reid secured 500 for us and put them in the cellar. They cost 50 cents each. Rick has been in contact with a far-flung cousin and thinks she may help us fund part of the project. Rick will write a grant to Idaho Heritage Trust but the funding won't come through until 2017. He will ask for \$5,000 to go with our \$5,000. Jim Mattson said that Rone Clawson, deceased, salvaged bricks from the Stewart house that might fit our project as well. Rich Reid agreed to pursue this with Rone's widow.

Membership/Website: We have received two on-line memberships. We don't know if they will automatically bill next year or not. We pay \$185 for our URL address which is good for 5 years. It costs us \$50/yr for the website.

Fence: Becky agreed to store the white posts that Debbie painted to keep them well-maintained. We have tabled the fence project for now until we can decide for sure where to put it. For now the cellar roof is protected by a temporary fence.

Doug Reid Estate: We may get a little more but thus far we have received \$2,000 since October 2015 to apply towards house restoration.

House Inventory: Merle reported that Christy Reid said there was a video made where Doug described items in the house. She doesn't have a copy though and has plans to go to the videographer to see if a copy exists. Merle will follow up with Christy. Becky agreed to help with the house inventory project.

Marlene Reid Memorabilia: Merle and Becky will approach Marlene Reid about photographing and inventorying her family heirlooms. We appreciate her life time efforts to preserve family history and want to make sure we have her intentions clear as to what she wants done with them.

By-Laws: We signed into effect the corrected By-Laws that incorporate the single dues fee of \$15.00.

Map: Bingham County Clerk Pam Eckhardt is excited to display our map in the courthouse for a couple of months. She is to meet with Debbie soon. They also have a document display case and a letter signed by Nels Just when he was county commissioner.

House Tours: We discussed the possibility of having an open house this summer by invitation using a sign near the map in the courthouse or by "event bright," a service that advertises an event and takes "tickets" and lets us know who signs up. We could also offer tickets at the door. We discussed the need for putting protocols in place to provide for parking, sign-ups, tour guides, port-a-potty, etc. We agreed that we need/want to provide educational and perhaps fundraising capabilities, but to do it with clear intentions to protect personal items still in the house and to work within the constraints of the working ranch that encompasses the house. Kathy will draft a protocol document for our consideration.

Raffles/Bingo – Fundraisers: Rick has researched these topics and finds that non-profits can have up to 12 raffles/yr. We don't need a license unless we go over that or offer an item which would sell for over \$5,000. Bingo is regulated more tightly. We discussed the possibility of charging for the meal at the reunion. We also discussed the need to find members of our family that are not on our membership list. No action taken.

Idaho Historical Museum: Rick and Kent will follow-up to determine whether we can obtain/store Just artifacts that will no longer be displayed at the museum.

Reunion: The survey monkey sent out to gauge interest in moving the venue to Heise or Mt. River Ranch was inconclusive. It was about 50/50 of going off-site or staying in the valley. We discussed going to Chuck Just's which would allow fishing at Becker Pond. After much discussion we decided to stay at the old Just house next year. Debbie made a motion to keep the venue the same in 2016 but to ask

Jared Reid to be a “young adult adventure chair” to arrange a bike ride, float trips, mini-pasture golf, etc. (something active) to engage our younger members. Motion seconded and passed. Megan agreed to help and suggests we poll this year’s attendees to get a clearer picture on venue. Ginger Reid will be asked to help with the adventure committee as well. Char Reid and Jan will again chair the children’s activities. Kathy will ask Christy and Sharen if they will do the main meal again. Becky agreed to chair the reunion with Debbie’s help. Debbie will get the chairs and tables again. Other suggestions included a little buckaroo rodeo (ribbon goat tying, chicken chase, etc.) and having some family friendly competitions.

Emma Book: Nothing new

Writers at Harriman: Rick Just announced that he is the new lead on this unique event which draws Jr. and Sr. High school students for a week-long stay at Harriman Park to explore the craft of writing.

Next meeting planned for June 25, 2016.

Submitted by Wendy Pratt, Secretary