

Presto Preservation Association Board Meeting

Just Homesite August 12, 2018

Attendance – Megan Jensen, Wendy Pratt, Bob Reid, Kathy Christiansen, Betsy Just, Debbie Reid-Oleson, Rick Just, Charlie Just, Ginger Reid, Seth Pratt and Joel Just

Minutes – The Minutes of the meeting held 6/30/18 were approved.

Financial – Wendy said our general account balance was \$13,166, the House Restoration account was \$22,867 and paypal was \$144. We have outstanding bills for the reunion and a down payment on the first window to be restored. We collected \$2,340 from the auction and another \$2,036 in dues and donations. The finance report was approved.

Presto Press – The next issue will be about military service of family members. Rick wants us to be brief - branch of service, dates, where served, etc.

Ancestry.com – Let's keep our upgraded subscription for now which allows access to newspapers and military records. Merle, Kathy or Rick can supply any of us with a password so we can access the website and edit information.

Fundraising and donor recognition – We decided not pursue a chairman at this time and reevaluate in October. There is an Idaho nonprofit center that we may be able to get help/training from. We all agreed that a tiny metal plaque on the inside of each window noting the sponsor would be adequate.

House Restoration – Johnson Brothers has been retained to start work on the windows. Their top technician, Martin Phillips, visited the house and is to submit a bid on each window. We paid a down payment to them of approx \$450 to get started. The Charlie Just family will begin collecting donations for their window. Idaho Heritage Trust is analyzing our bricks and mortar and if Doug Peery can agree to their specs we will hire him, if not we'll find someone else. Debbie reported that we need to address moisture accumulation across the front concrete walkway before we do any more brick work. We need to repair/replace the wood columns, replace the concrete with a boardwalk and install a drain system. We agreed to ask Dan Cummins to head this project. Our Ten Year Plan will reflect this change by putting this project right after and in conjunction with the window work.

Membership – Charlie will give Emma the names of those who paid dues and she will need to follow up with bills to the rest of the addresses.

Ranch breakfast – Folks missed it this year. Leo Wallace, a local historian, even offered to cook. Joel said it is a real treat to visit the ranch for breakfast. We will reevaluate.

Reunion Critique – Let's get some ice cubes available for drinks. Chuck's is a wonderful venue. About 70 people came. Home canning and baked goods sell well at the auction. Wendy thought the auction was too long. We could put some items on silent bid. We need someone in charge of setting up the auction. Betsy will look into printing photos on dishtowels as a fundraiser. If we use the Brent Cotton painting for prints we need to include Brent on the process. Let's set up some recycling containers, announce it before the eating line starts, and maybe use paper cups instead of bottled water to reduce trash.

Prints – Ginger wants Mabel Hutchinson prints to sell. Rick will talk to Becky Chapman about it and also research copyright laws.

Thank You – Wendy will send thank you cards to Nelda and Debra Partin for their generous donations.

Mission/vision/goals – Seth had us read the current draft. Wendy suggested another goal about successfully transitioning our activities to the next generation i.e. the publication of the Presto Press. Seth thinks the Vision needs to be expanded to cover the association outside of just the house. Seth and Wendy will submit their ideas in writing. Upon board approval we can then go to the members for their input and approval through publication in the Press.

Board members and officers - Betsy, Wendy and Becky had expiring terms; they agreed to serve again. Ginger Reid was added as a new board member. Seth took over as Vice President. Thank you Debbie! The Secretary-Treasurer job was split. Wendy will keep the finances and Charlie agreed to take the Minutes as Secretary. Kathy was retained as President.

–Submitted by W. Pratt