

Presto Preservation Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes
February 23, 2019

- I. Call to Order
 - A. Absent: Seth Pratt, Jared Reid, Joel Just and Megan Arnold
 - B. Attendees: Becky Davis, Bob Reid, Ginger Reid, Wendy Pratt, Kathy Christiansen, Betsy Just, Debbie Reid-Oleson, Emma Just, Charlie Just, and Rick Just
- II. Approval of Minutes (October 27, 2018) – Approved.
- III. Financial
 - A. Financial Report (Wendy Reid Pratt)
 1. Reviewed account balances:
 - \$24,562.99 House Restoration Account
 - \$15,147.56 General Account
 2. Reviewed \$500 donation received at the end of 2018 from Casey Just.
 - B. Interest-Bearing Accounts (Wendy Reid Pratt) – Tabling maintained.
 - C. Douglass Reid Estate
 1. An additional \$700+ has been received from the estate.
- IV. OLD BUSINESS:
 - A. Morrisite Presentations (Rick Just) – reviewed by Rick and discussed.
 - B. *Presto Press* (Rick Just)
 1. Compliments to Rick on the “Veterans” issue.
 2. Idea for Sesquicentennial 2020 is to prepare a booklet containing photos of all descendants.
 - C. *Ancestry.com* (Rick Just/Kathy Christiansen)
 1. Rick is monitoring account and membership renewal.
 2. Kathy introduced some historical documents and asked attendees to read and try to identify the authors.
 - D. Membership Committee (Emma Just/Charlie Just)
 1. Emma sent letters to unpaid members and has received a good response from unpaid members, who have previously paid, but not from new members.
 2. Emma and Rick noted that sending new or renewed members a copy of the *Presto Press* after the bulk mail date costs significantly more per issue. It was suggested that people who pay or renew after a recent issue has been mailed, simply not receive that issue in hard copy due to costs. In this instance, new or recently renewed members should utilize the online copy and wait for the next issue to be mailed to them.
 3. It was suggested that members with close relationships contact each other using Emma’s list of unpaid members, which may result in a better renewal rate.
 - E. Donor Recognition (Merle Clark/Debbie Reid-Oleson) – No new updates.
 1. On-Site Recognition of Donors – Donor Levels
 2. *Statement of Purpose* for Non-House Donations
 - F. *Guiding Statements (Mission, Vision, Values and Goals)* (Kathy Christiansen)
 1. Will be published in the next *Presto Press* for public review and feedback. After this process, the document will be presented to the Board for final approval. This process also allows the Board to collect information on who reads what and where.
 2. Fund-Raising Plan – Tabled.

- G. Fund-Raising Chairman
1. It was suggested that Charlie fill this position, and he will revisit this at a later date. He is hesitant to over-commit, but should be able to decide by the end of March. Ginger agreed to assist if Charlie accepts the position.
- H. Sesquicentennial 2020 (Debbie Reid-Oleson (Chairman)/Ginger Reid/Becky Davis/Rick Just)
1. The Board reviewed the draft event schedule (Friday through Sunday), which includes some regular and some new events (e.g., dinner, auction, hot-dog roast, dance, ice-cream social, slide show, filming of events, etc.). There is time in the schedule to plan other events as well, including a fun run, bike ride, fund-raising event (e.g., homemade pies), hand-cart activities, Sunday breakfast, annual membership meeting, and community open house.
 2. Debbie Reid-Oleson proposed that a family tree t-shirt be designed and screen-printed for the event, as well as the 2019 Just-Reid Reunion, and sold as a fundraiser. These would be pre-ordered to reduce waste of unsold shirts and the funds associated with unsold shirts.
 3. Rick proposed placing the house on the *National Historic Register* as part of the Sesquicentennial celebration.
 - Motion to proceed was seconded and approved without opposition. Rick will proceed with the next steps in the application/forms process.
 4. It was proposed that a shop/barn structure be moved back closer to the house before the Sesquicentennial celebration, since it is an obstacle to those who currently live and work on the ranch and would look nice near the house. Furthermore, it could be useful as a storage area for a lot of the equipment the Board is currently using for other functions. This could also reduce the amount of storage currently used in Chuck Just's garage in Idaho Falls. Estimated size of the shed is 26.5'X16.5'.
 - Financial grants may be available for this project.
 - Becky will obtain cost estimates and forward to the Board within 30 days.
 - The Board will consider the cost of this project and revisit at the next meeting.
- I. Bingham County Historical Society
1. Inventory/Digitize/Catalog/On-Line: Photographs and Documents (Rick Just)
 - Rick will be writing an occasional history column for the Blackfoot newspaper, the *Morning News*.
 - The *Idaho Historical Society* will digitize copies of the newspaper, *Firth Record* (1945-1950), which were found in the Just house, and make available to the *Association*.
 - Merle Clark will be asked to help identify the authors of several important documents that were found in the Just house.
- J. Printing of Cookbooks (Christy Reid)
1. Bob will ask Christy whether she has the original draft that was used to print the Cookbook; and, if so, forward it to Rick.
- K. Emma's Postmaster Desk (Becky Davis) – Completed; no identification found on the Desk.
- L. Museum of Idaho – *Way Out West* – Rick Just completed a submission regarding Nels and Emma Just.

- V. NELS AND EMMA HOUSE RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION:
- A. House Restoration Committee (Debbie Reid-Oleson/Betsy Just/Becky Davis)
 1. Will meet with an architect next week to review brick-restoration requirements.
 - B. Brick and Mortar Restoration/Grant/Contract
 1. Interior Wall Repairs – East Wall (Debbie Reid-Oleson/Rick Just) – Tabled.
 2. *Idaho Heritage Trust* Grant (\$4,375 – Phase 3) – Approved.
 3. Estimate/Order Bricks – Becky will contact Frederick Walters, historical architect, to follow-up.
 4. Story of Masonry (Rick Just) – Tabled.
 - C. Window Restoration
 1. Repair Interior Window Frame/Masonry -- Becky Davis will contact Martin Phillips to schedule completion of the newly installed window.
 2. Re-Design Windows -- Debbie Reid-Oleson will follow-up with Johnson Brothers.
 3. Installation of “Family Sponsor” Plaques – Tabled.
 4. Window Sponsorship:
 - Hal Johnson will sponsor a Dining Room window in memory of his wife, Elsie.
 - D. Porch/Foundation Repair and/or Restoration
 1. Status report presented by Becky Davis, who will follow-up on requirements for water drainage, if any, under the porch.
 2. Cost estimates are not available at this time; Becky will provide estimates as project progresses.
 3. Casey Reid has agreed to change the grade of the lawn.
 - E. Roof/Dormer (Debbie Reid-Oleson/Becky Davis) – Tabled.
 - F. House Inventory and Inventory of Marlene Reid Artifacts
 1. Completed; Becky Davis will share documentation with Board members.
 - G. Map Display at Bingham County Courthouse (Debbie Reid-Oleson) – Tabled.
 - H. Windmill Blades (Jared Reid) – Tabled.
 - I. *Idaho Heritage Trust* House Tour (September 13-14, 2019)
 1. Cleaning of the house and property will be scheduled.
 - J. Fence (Debbie Reid-Oleson/Bob Reid/Wendy Reid Pratt) – Tabled
 - K. Idaho Historical Society Grants – Interpretive Panels (Rick Just/Cindy Telford/Gerry Becker) – In progress.
- VI. GOALS:
- A. Book of “Emma” (Merle Clark/Rick Just)
 - B. Emma Journals (Merle Clark/Rick Just)
- VII. 2019 REUNION:
- A. Location
 1. Tautphaus Park in Idaho Falls was proposed, as well as a few other options. Betsy Just will research options at Tautphaus Park. Those who suggested other venues will research their proposed option(s) and email results to the Board as soon as possible.
 - B. Catered Meal
 1. Potluck option was considered due to the cost of catering. Meat options in smaller quantities were considered to avoid waste.
 - C. Reunion Chairperson(s) – Tabled.
 - D. Noon-Meal Chairpersons
 1. Becky Davis will contact Kittie Peterson to ascertain her interest in providing portions of the meal if paid by the *Association*.
 2. Betsy will serve as Co-Chairman with the assistance of Ginger Reid and

possibly Gerry Becker.

- E. Sunday Breakfast/Annual Membership Meeting -- Bob and Christy Reid, Ginger Reid, and Becky Davis will coordinate the breakfast, which will be followed by the Annual Meeting.
- F. Basket Raffle/Silent Auction/Live Auction/Fund-Raising:
 - 1. Rick Just agreed to coordinate auction activities.
 - 2. Brent Cotton Painting -- Ginger Reid reported that prints are being made. The prints will be sold, rather than auctioned, at the 2019 Reunion.
 - 3. Dishtowels/Aprons (Betsy Just)
 - Betsy shared towel samples that are embroidered with the Just house at a cost of about \$10 each to fabricate.
 - Final design will also include text "est.1870" on towels/aprons. Will order fewer aprons than towels.
 - Motion was seconded and approved to spend up to \$500 on towels and aprons. Betsy will order as many towels and aprons as possible to not exceed \$500. The items will be sold for a fixed price at the 2019 Reunion and advertised on the *Just-Reid Facebook* page for pre-orders. The towels will also be available for sale at the Just house in the future.
 - 4. Mabel Hutchinson Prints (Ginger Reid/Rick Just)
 - These prints will be considered for the 2020 Reunion.
 - 5. Prints of Nels and Emma Just House – Closed.
- G. "Feature" Family
 - 1. Debbie Reid-Oleson will contact the family of Eldro Reid to ascertain their willingness to present Eldro's family history at the 2019 Reunion.
- H. Plastic Recycling versus Paper Cups
 - 1. Kathy will provide recycling bins for cups and other recyclables, including signs and instructions, at the 2019 Reunion.
- I. Activities: Young Adults and Kids (Betsy Just/Charlotte Reid) – Tabled.
- J. Open House – will not be scheduled in conjunction with the 2019 Reunion.
- K. Walk/Run – Wolverine Canyon (Charlie Just)/Historical Tour – Emma's Mail Route
 - 1. 2019 focus will be to increase attendance. 2020 focus will be increased family and community attendance with fundraising opportunity either related to registration or food sales.
 - 2. Route may change for 2019 depending on the venue selected for the Reunion.
 - 3. May consider a bike-ride route depending on location and interest.
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS:
 - A. By-Laws – Annual Review (Kathy Christiansen)
 - 1. Approved unanimously.
 - B. Story before Arrival of Settlers and Native Community (Seth Pratt) – Tabled.
- IX. BOARD ACTIONS/INFORMATION:
- X. CALL FOR NEW BUSINESS/DISCUSSION
 - A. Rick asked for Board approval to scatter the ashes of him and his wife, Rinda, inside the iron fence/garden area on the property. The Board unanimously approved the request.
- XI. NEXT BOARD/ANNUAL MEETING: June 29, 2019
- XII. ADJOURNMENT