*Presto Preservation Association*

Annual Membership Meeting

Minutes

August 11, 2019

Attendees: Kathy Christiansen, Becky Davis, Megan Arnold, Emma Just, Joel Just, Betsy Just, Debbie Reid-Oleson, Rick Just, Ginger Reid, Roy Fuller, Wendy Reid Pratt, Charlie Just, Rinda Just, and Nancy Fuller

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

The minutes of the June 22, 2019, meeting were previously approved.

Financial Report: Wendy distributed a Profit & Loss Detail Report with the following account balances: House-Restoration Account - $24,038; General Account - $13,780; and PayPal – approximately $470. Reunion income and expenses are pending.

Presto Press: Rick will announce additional information regarding the next edition.

Membership Committee: Emma will finalize membership information from the reunion and report at the next meeting.

*Guiding Statements (Mission, Vision, Values and Goals*): Approved; the document will be added to the *Association* web site and shared with *Idaho Heritage Trust* trustees on September 14, 2019.

Fund-Raising: The Just-Reid dish towels were well received at the reunion.

Sesquicentennial 2020: Rick and Debbie provided a status report and will schedule a meeting in October to begin finalizing events for August 2020 that will coincide with the 2020 Just-Reid Reunion.

National Register of Historic Places: Rick is working on an application to request the Just house be placed on the Register.

*Just-Reid for Home Cooking* Cookbook: Roy will attempt to convert the 1st edition Cookbook to a format that can be used to re-print the Cookbook. An announcement will be forthcoming requesting that members begin sending in recipes for a 2nd Edition.

Board of Directors: Joel Just, Bob Reid, Kathy Christiansen, and Jared Reid were re-elected for three-year terms. Roy Fuller was elected to the Board for a three-year term. Officers will remain the same: Kathy Christiansen, President; Seth Pratt, Vice-President; Wendy Reid Pratt, Treasurer; Charlie Just, Secretary; and Emma Just, Membership.

NELS AND EMMA JUST HOUSE RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION:

1. Fred Walters of the *Idaho Heritage Trust* will be consulted about the need to install a rain gutter on the newly restored porch to protect the boardwalk. Rick proposed some type of netting option to prevent woodpeckers from re-damaging the porch bricks and mortar; tabled pending completion of brick and mortar restoration.
2. A proposal from *Abstract Masonry Restoration* for brick and mortar repair and restoration was reviewed. Joel moved that Option 1 of the proposal be accepted; seconded and approved. Discussion ensued regarding funding for the project. Debbie and Becky will coordinate a project to salvage more bricks from the Stevens house on Riverton Road to use for repairs to the Just house; the salvage project will begin October 2019. Rick will publicize the excavation through several media resources.
   1. Wendy proposed that the West bathroom exterior wall be left as is to show how those who lived in the house attempted to preserve the brick and mortar. Approved with a plan to have water repellant added over the bricks, mortar and concrete.
   2. Becky will follow-up on her proposal to show interior brick work through a window or Plexiglas covering after restoration is completed.
   3. Columns on the newly renovated porch will be painted after photos of the work completed by Mike Brassea and Ken Davis are taken. Rather than installing a recognition plaque for Mike and Ken, Becky will prepare a summary of the work that was completed by Mike and Ken to restore the porch.
3. Window-Restoration: Debbie proposed that the South Dining Room window be restored to its original configuration; discussion ensued with the following options:

Option 1 – 2 smaller side-by-side windows

Option 2 – one smaller window (original size)

Option 3 – no changes to current aluminum window

Option 3 was approved to include a story of why the window was changed to a larger size (for example, allow more light and air flow into the room). The newer Kitchen window (North) will also not be changed at this time. Attendees will ensure that both windows are periodically inspected to ensure that they are airtight and do not allow moisture to enter the house. The Vin Reid family, who originally committed to paying for the Dining Room window, will pay for the North bedroom windows. Debbie will follow-up with *Johnson Brothers* to begin re-design and installation of designated windows.

1. *Idaho Heritage Trust* Tour: *IHT* trustees and others will tour the house on September 14, 2019. The following assignments were previously accepted:
   1. Exterior Clean-Up: Ginger, Casey Reid and Ken Davis
   2. Interior Cleaning: Wendy
   3. Refreshments: Megan and Kathy
   4. Tour and History: Rick and Wendy
   5. Porta-Potty: Becky
2. Relocation of Log Barn: Kathy has contacted *Barnwood Builders* to ascertain their interest in relocating the barn. Representatives of the company have requested photos of the barn, which will be provided by Kathy.
3. Permanent Outhouse: Debbie will research whether a building permit is required to construct a permanent, on-site, outhouse structure. Rick noted that it may be prudent to put the money the Board would spend on Porta-Potties, during the brick and mortar restoration project (Summer 2020), toward constructing a permanent outhouse structure.

2019 Reunion Critique: Generally, those present at the meeting were in favor of returning to a public park-type venue *after* the 2020 reunion, which will be held at the Just house as part of the Sesquicentennial event. Various parks will be considered for the August 2021 reunion venue. Future reunions could use more raffle baskets for both children and adults. Reusable cups/dining ware will be encouraged, but not required, at future reunions in consideration of those who are traveling long distances. Charlie Just had planned to conduct a survey at reunion check-in; but, in reality, he received a very low response rate and was unable to conclude whether requiring reusable containers would deter attendance. It was agreed that name-tag lanyards would be beneficial at future reunions to identify attendees. Joel Just offered to donate/supply these name-tags in the future. The charge for the professional photographer was $250; tabled for further discussion prior to the 2020 reunion.

Just House Ten-Year Restoration/Preservation Plan: Kathy will revise the Plan, since the status of some projects has changed, and send out to the Board for comment. The revised Plan will be approved and posted to the *Association* website prior to the *Idaho Heritage Trust* tour on September 14, 2019.

Fiscal-Year Audit: Janet Hill has agreed to conduct the audit for the time period 8/1/2018 through 7/31/2019. Jan will coordinate the audit with Wendy during October 2019.

Donations: Deb Partin contributed numerous custom-made wooden bowls and necklace-and-earring sets to the reunion auctions, as well as $700 to the House-Restoration Account. Kathy will send a letter of appreciation, as well as a Just-Reid dish towel, to Deb for her considerable donations throughout the years.

Meeting: The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be scheduled and announced prior to the brick-salvaging project.