

Presto Preservation Association Board Meeting

October 28, 2017

Home of Kathy Christiansen, Blackfoot, Idaho

Attendance – Morgan Rawson, Becky Davis, Bob Reid, Wendy Pratt, Kathy Christiansen, Betsy Just, Debbie Reid-Oleson in person and Emma Just, Charlie Just, and Rick Just by phone.

The meeting was called to order by President Kathy Christiansen.

Minutes – The Minutes of the last meeting were approved with a correction that the Board approved charitable giving.

Morrisite Presentations – Rick Just has scheduled a presentation on March 12, 2018.

Next Issue of Presto Press – The Press will feature Presto Burrell and mention Doug Reid's estate contribution. Rick has not had any luck with information from Burrell's descendants. Becky is in contact with a grandson and will talk to him about contributing. She will forward what she has received from him to Rick.

Financial – Wendy presented year-to-date income and expenses and reported that the general account had \$13,469.60 on deposit and the house restoration account had \$23,460.72. The financial audit was completed by Kathy from 1-1-17 thru 7-31-17. The financial report was approved. Discussion on opening interest bearing accounts was tabled. Nothing new on the Doug Reid estate.

Membership – Emma has compiled current membership along with birthdates so that we can track when members reach the honorary membership age of 80.

Social Media – No news yet on the Instagram account to be added by Megan and Seth. When implemented, the media will be announced in the Presto Press.

Reunion/Open House 2018 – Chuck Just has agreed to host next year but said he needs a crew to put it all together. Morgan and Betsy will chair, Debbie will help. We agreed to feature Ina Claire Phillips Fuller. We may decide to have the Open House on Sunday. We aren't sure when to have the membership meeting. Stay tuned. A "walk/run" in conjunction with the Reunion may be considered. Charlie Just presented mileage information, etc., to Wolverine Canyon.

Bingham County Historical Society – We agreed to become a "sustaining" member of this group at a cost of \$125.00 per year. They can scan photos for us. Kathy will follow-up. We also agreed to donate a complete copy of The Presto Press issues. Wendy said Bonnie Pratt gave her lots of copies and will work with Rick to see which ones are missing. We agreed to see which family books they have copies of and get them whatever they need.

Sesquicentennial 2020 – In 2020 it will be 150 years since Nels and Emma founded their home. Debbie is the chair of a celebration of the event and will put together a meeting after the first of the year, 2018. Ginger Reid, Rick and Becky are also on the committee.

George Phillips – Roy Fuller, son on Ina Claire Phillips Fuller, compiled a history of George Phillips, father of Clarice Just Phillips Mattson's first husband. The history has been added to *Ancestry.com* by Roy Fuller and Kathy Christiansen and will be stored at the old Just home.

Mission/Vision/Goals – Debbie and Kathy will put together a set of questions for members to consider as we look to a future date for this process. We did something similar a few years ago as a Board; Kathy and Wendy will look for these notes. A special meeting will be scheduled to begin development.

Idaho Heritage Conference – Rick gave an update on what he learned at the conference: We need to digitize important photos and documents and put on-line, original documents should go to the University of Utah or the Idaho Historical Society for climate-controlled preservation. We need a mechanism to title and organize these materials so we can find them. There is software available from free to expensive. Do not store items in plastic containers. Any magnetic media like videotapes, etc., need to be digitized as soon as possible as they deteriorate quickly. Humidity and temperature are the main culprits.

Idaho Heritage Conference/House Restoration – Debbie reported on what she learned at the conference: We should be fixing the windows before the bricks. There is debate as to whether sealant is good or not. Debbie will research and follow-up by February 2018. We need to come up with an annual, 5-yr and 10-yr plan for the house. This is directly related to our mission, vision and goals. She said our ancestral home needs a new purpose. It's not Nels and Emma's home anymore. She thinks the dormer window is leaking and feels that it should probably be taken out because it will leak there first and was not originally in the roof. We agreed to leave this window until last and make a decision when the roof needs replaced. Discussion was held regarding when the roof was replaced—may have been almost 20 years ago. Ken Davis will look at it to see if he thinks it is leaking before we hire a roofer to come look at it. Debbie had two contractors look at the windows and received one bid from Stephen Peery. She will ask him to prepare a bid for the windows on the west and the south and will get an email vote from the Board to start immediately. Betsy and Debbie will work on a house restoration plan and give to Kathy, who agreed to start the process. Debbie also asks, "Should we quit watering the lawn because of possible damage to the structure?" It seems unlikely since it's not near the foundation, but we'll keep this in mind.

House picket fence, fundraising, donor recognition – tabled.

Brick and Mortar Restoration Grant – Rick submitted a Grant request for Phase II of the project.

Pump Organ – Kathy reported that work on the Organ should be completed soon.

House Inventory – Still in process and hope it is completed by reunion time next summer.

Map Display at Bingham County Courthouse – Debbie will schedule in 2018.

University Collections – Rick has talked to Idaho State University (ISU) and they have nothing from our family and are not able to take anything. The University of Utah (especially items related to the Morrisites) and the Idaho State Historical Society are ready to take anything we wish to send their way for long-term preservation. An agenda item to follow-up with Marlene Reid regarding donations to the ISU Library was closed without further action. The Smithsonian Institute has a collection of Mabel Bennett Hutchinson items and is a resource for donating additional items.

Idaho State Historical Museum – Rick reported that the Museum will likely re-open in July 2018 and will permanently display the family saddle.

Interpretive Panels – Rick will schedule a meeting with Cindy Telford and Gerry Becker to begin planning to submit a grant application.

Submitted by Wendy Pratt