

Presto Preservation Association Board Meeting

March 25, 2017

Becky Davis home, Presto, Idaho

Attendance – Bob Reid, Rick Just, Debbie Reid-Oleson, Wendy Pratt, Seth Pratt, Merle Clark, Becky Davis, Kathy Christiansen, Betsy Just, and Joel Just by phone

Minutes – We approved the Minutes of the meeting held August 14, 2016

Financial – Wendy went over the income and expenses since the reunion in August. We have approx. \$13,000 in the general account, \$27,000 in the house restoration account, and \$700 in the Paypal account where we hold some funds for Rick to use to publish the Presto Press. We agreed that we need to make sure that when people donate we ask whether they would like it specifically for the house or otherwise. If no designation is specified, it should go into the general fund which is used for reunion expenses, printing/ mailing the Presto Press, and other historical or family projects we pursue. Rick will explain these options in the Presto Press. We can as a Board decide to move money from the general account into the house account, but not vice versa. We are the owner of a stock fund that may see some more money distributed from the Doug Reid estate. We approved the cash flow statement. Wendy was told to move the donations in memory of Dorothy Lyon to the house account. We agreed that work on the grounds should be funded from the house account as well. Wendy was instructed to research certificate of deposit options to earn additional interest on money we won't be using in the near future. She will email that out.

Donor Recognition - Merle and Debbie will come up with some ideas to honor our larger donors by our next meeting. We talked about gold, silver, and bronze levels to be displayed on a plaque in the house.

Presto Press – We had planned an issue on Presto Burrell, but sadly, too many family members have passed away and we want to dedicate the next issue to them. We agreed that we especially want information on the Phillips family since we rarely hear from them.

Nora Ann Harriman letter – Merle found a wonderful description of the Just Home in a letter written by a “Nora Ann” to Agnes Just Reid. We knew that Nora Ann was president of the Idaho Writer's Guild at some time but didn't know her last name. Before we finished the meeting, Joel Just found her with the last name Harriman and that she's probably still alive and living in Ohio! Harriman was the first winner of the statewide writer's contest for the Guild.

Emma Book – Merle and Rick are still collecting writings for this. Merle has retyped Emma's journals, which was also done by Susan Mattson previously. Rick has some family information on Google docs that we can all have access to. He will forward that link to us.

Windows – Renovation of the windows is on hold for now.

Organ Restoration – Kathy will find out from Elda Phillips Fuller Jones how much it might cost us to restore the organ.

Marlene Reid Memorabilia – Christy Reid, Becky and Merle visited with Marlene Reid and took pictures and wrote information about the Just Family artifacts at her home. She is fine with putting them in the house eventually, but we need to have that in writing to make sure it's clear which items are included. Becky and Merle will create a list and get her signature by August 1, 2017.

House Inventory – Becky and Betsy agreed to get the inventory done by the first of August. This would be the main floor only and not to include documents.

Open House – This is on hold until the inventory is complete.

Map at Courthouse – Debbie and Justin Oleson are planning on displaying the map at Bingham County in the future.

Fence around yard/cellar roof – This was tabled.

University of Utah Library – Nothing new here. We think it might be an option for Mabel Bennett memorabilia. Rick said that the Smithsonian has 1-2 items and they might like more. Or perhaps a California Watercolor organization that she was involved with. He will check.

Idaho State University? – Does ISU have any Agnes Just Reid documents? Rick will ask.

Idaho Historical Museum – Nothing new here. We will know in a year or so. Rick will follow-up.

Reunion – We will celebrate at the home of Jim and Betsy Just in Idaho Falls on August 12, 2017. The meat will be catered and the whole family will provide side dishes. Merle and Debbie and Wendy will work on how to corral folks to pay dues, get name tags, etc. Kathy will ask Christy Reid and Sharen Lyon if they want to help with the meal again. Debbie will coordinate setting up tables and chairs on Monday the 7th. Betsy's cell is 425-418-3272 and her home phone is 208-932-4641. There will be lots for the kids to do – trampoline, basketball, paddleball, and pitch. We will have a basket raffle and ask everyone to bring a basket, especially a kid one so that every child gets a basket hopefully. Rick will be the auctioneer. We will have a silent and live auction. We will plan a group photo on Saturday. Debbie will ask Cindy Telford to make signs to direct people. We would like to introduce individuals within family groups but

this might not be possible. On Sunday, Becky Davis will host a breakfast at Megan's. This will be to allow for a memorial for Kent Just and to witness a flyover by Paul Reid and Rick scattering Kent's ashes. We can load enough tables and chairs for Sunday after the reunion on Saturday.

Mission, Vision and Goals – Tabled for now.

Tree Memorials – It was suggested by Kim Just that we consider planting a tree on the ranch for each family member who passed on this year. We decided that the ongoing care of the trees makes this difficult. There are trees on the actual Preservation property that need care. The apple trees need pruned every year. Joel suggested an "adopt-a-tree" program.

Idaho Historical Society/Presto Press – Rick said that the historical society is interested in receiving a full copy of the Press. They are now on our subscription list as well.

Naming Presto Bench – Rick is pursuing naming the Bench as a geographical feature with the US Geological Survey. We all agree this is a neat idea.

Debit Card – We agreed to get a debit card to access our checking account. Rick especially would like to pay ancestry.com and publications costs this way for ease.

Kathy Corgatelli article – She has written a recent article in the Post Register about restoring the house and is planning one on Century Farms that Bob Reid will be helping on. We like this idea.

Membership recruitment – Nothing new here. Rick thinks there are up to 6,000 names possible!

Donation Box – Ken Davis will have this done by reunion time.

Next Meeting – We agreed to meet as a Board in June.

Brick and Mortar Restoration – The historical mason has started work on the house. Debbie and Betsy are co-chairs of this project and Kathy was thanked for creating the contract to begin the work. We adjourned and went as a Board to visit the site. The mason has erected scaffolding on the south wall and is readying the bricks and mortar for reconstruction where needed. He believes the original crew could have made 300 or so bricks a day.

Submitted by Wendy Pratt