

Presto Preservation Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes
20 February 2021

Attendees: Kathy Christiansen, Charlie Just, Becky Davis, Rick Just, Emma Just, Debbie Reid-Oleson, Ginger Reid, Betsy Just and Roy Fuller

Absent: Seth Pratt, Megan Arnold, Jared Reid, Bob Reid, Wendy Pratt, and Joel Just

The minutes of the Annual Membership Meeting of August 9, 2020, were approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The Report was not available at the meeting. Kathy announced that Janet Hill conducted a Fiscal-Year Audit (8/1/2019 through 7/22/2020) of *Association* records.

OLD BUSINESS:

- *Presto Press*: Rick announced that the next issue of the *Presto Press* will include stories of the “Pratt” family, and he encouraged others to contribute their own childhood stories for the *Press*. Kathy will ask the family of Ladene Conan to also submit their memories of Ladene. Ginger proposed that regulations for donating funds from estates be announced in the *Presto Press*. Rick added that some retirement accounts allow tax-free donations to non-profit corporations.
- Membership Committee: Emma provided a membership update and noted that the *Association* currently has 64 members.
- *Guiding Statements (Mission, Vision, Values and Goals)*: Ginger and Charlie floated some ideas for the *Fund-Raising Plan* and will make more progress on forming and executing fund-raising efforts. Fund-Raising proposals included a Sesquicentennial membership challenge; *Just-Reid Family Reunion* Facebook Page fund-raiser; Rick’s *Speaking of Idaho* Facebook Page highlighting the *Presto Preservation Association*; and challenge members to contribute a portion of their Stimulus money to the *Association*.
- *Just-Reid for Home Cooking Cookbook*: Roy announced that the *Cookbook* has been reformatted for printing, and he will share it with Rick for review of printing options.
- Bingham County Historical Society: Sustaining Membership in the Society has been renewed for one year.
- *National Register of Historic Places*: Rick will obtain cost proposals for a commemorative plaque to be placed at the House. He estimates a cost of about \$300 and will share the proposals with the Board for approval.
- Memorial Window Plaques: Betsy will obtain plaques for the Charlie Just and Elsie Johnson windows. The families of Vin and Fred Reid do not wish to place window plaques at this time.

NELS AND EMMA JUST HOUSE RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION:

- Kathy announced that *Abstract Masonry Restoration* will schedule the next phase of brick/mortar/plaster restoration to begin in May 2021.
- Rick confirmed an approved grant from the *Idaho Heritage Trust* in the amount of \$6,500 with a 50% match up to \$13,000.

- Tell-a-Story: Becky will follow-up with Wendy to prepare a binder that shows the steps that were taken to restore the house, including porch columns, bricks/mortar/plaster, windows, and bathroom exterior wall.
- Walkway to House: Option for adding a new walkway to the front of the house were reviewed. Options should include a surface that will reduce dust/dirt entering the house, not cause damage to the new porch boardwalk, and how it will look aesthetically with the new grass. Rick will forward photos, specifications, and costs for a crushed granite walkway to the Board for review. It was agreed that we will need a level surface that does not require maintenance. Tabled pending review of options.
- Window Restoration: Becky provided a status report on window restoration. Rick suggested that the Chick Just window may be restored in memory of Kent Just.
- Window Blinds: Debbie proposed *period* window blinds for the Fred Reid and Charlie Just windows to reduce sun damage to house contents and window frames. A motion was made and approved for Debbie to obtain/install two blinds at a cost not to exceed \$150-\$200. The cost of the blinds will be paid from the *General Account*.
- Rain Gutter: Becky will follow-up to purchase and install the gutter.
- Floor Repair: Becky announced that all repairs, with the exception of replacing the linoleum, have been completed by Ken Davis and Mike Brassea at no cost to the *Association*. Becky will send before/after photos to Rick.
- Permanent Outhouse/Building Permit: Debbie proposed upgrades to the current outhouse. Becky and Debbie will follow-up; remove from agenda.
- Return of Log Barn/Shop to Original Site: Rick reported that a grant from the *Idaho Heritage Trust* may not be available for *moving* a structure. Becky will obtain estimates to move the barn and forward to Rick, who will check on the possibility of a grant. The grant deadline is September 30, 2021. Discussion ensued regarding repurposing the barn if it is moved from the Fred Reid land. Families who are affected by the location of the barn will convene and reach a consensus of what they want done with the barn. Becky, Debbie and Ginger will follow-up to make a proposal.

REUNION and SESQUICENTENNIAL EVENT (August 13-15,2021):

- Discussion ensued regarding the Reunion and Sesquicentennial Event in August and potential risks due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. The Board will convene in April 2021 to make a decision.
- Charlie provided an update on the on-line auction, which raised approximately \$1,200. He will connect with Wendy to make sure that all funds were deposited in the *House Restoration Account*. Charlie is willing to host an on-line auction again in 2021 if a reunion does not take place. He indicated that it was difficult tracking payment and shipping for an on-line auction and will request help with future on-line auctions.
- Debbie's caramel project resulted in a \$332 donation to the *House Restoration Account*.
- Dishtowel sales went well during the on-line auction. Betsy reported that the vendor will be fabricating more dishtowels.
- The book, *Letters of Long Ago*, could be added to the auction, since we have plenty of copies; however, Rick reported that we only have one copy of *Lost Letters*. Rick will evaluate the possibility of making *Lost Letters* available as "print-on-demand."
- An assignment sheet for the Reunion was attached to the agenda, and Kathy requested that Directors review the listing for assignments.
- Debbie announced that the family tree lanyard will be 3"x4". She will contact Joel for lanyard options.

BOARD ACTIONS/INFORMATION:

Annual review and approval of the following documents has been completed:

1. *Ten-Year Just House Restoration Plan (10/8/2020)*
2. *Annual Conflict of Interest . . . Statement and Forms (9/29/2020)*

NEW BUSINESS:

- Attendees were encouraged to look at the new *Idaho Heritage Trust* website, which highlights the Nels and Emma Just family on the front page.
- Kathy announced that her siblings wish to volunteer to maintain the Just Cemetery on a periodic basis as weather conditions permit. Becky indicated that native grasses should not be disturbed. The group will consult with Becky before any maintenance is performed.

NEXT MEETING:

Kathy will schedule the next meeting during April 2021.

ADJOURNMENT