

Presto Preservation Association

Board Meeting

June 13, 2015

Kathy Christiansen residence Blackfoot, ID

Meeting called to order by Kathy Christiansen at 1:05 p.m.

Attendance: Debbie Reid-Oleson, Seth Pratt, Kathy Christiansen, Becky Davis, Wendy Pratt, Kent Just, Rick Just, Bob Reid, and by phone, Jan Hill

Minutes: Kent Just made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected from the meeting of 2/28/15. Seconded and passed.

Financial Report: Wendy agreed to send out a financial report by email. What does a financial report consist of? Kathy says just a balance. Seth says a side by side P&L comparison to the previous year. Others think that is excessive, but want to know if anything stands out as a concern to Wendy. Jan Hill, a CPA, will sit down with Wendy and Kathy annually to review our finances.

Email correspondence: Rick told us to make sure we change the subject instead of just hitting “reply” if we are changing the topic of conversation on emails. He searches by topic so we need to properly label correspondence.

Filing Cabinet: Becky said the cabinet has been moved indoors in the old house.

Window Repairs: Our expert didn't get back to us after we sent her photos, so nothing new here.

Bricks: Debbie reported on a historic masonry workshop she attended as presented by John Lambert of Abstract Masonry Restoration Inc. His website is www.masonryrestoration.com. Katherine from Idaho Heritage Trust was there too and really wants to help us with our house with grants, etc. Debbie said we need to decide the level of restoration we desire. We have already implemented what Lambert calls “mitigation” by spraying for bugs that attract woodpeckers that destroy bricks and by landscaping the foundation so that water runs away from the structure. We have also done some well-intended acts of what he calls “bastardization,” by caulking with silicone and putting cement on damaged areas. There are resources to analyze our mortar so that we can match it. Debbie feels that it will need to be professionally done. Becky made a motion to approve Debbie and Rick working with Idaho Heritage Trust to get a grant to pursue an evaluation done by professionals and to develop a plan. Motion seconded and passed. Then we'll have the information necessary to go to the family to see what level of restoration is desired and will be supported monetarily. Debbie made a motion to continue with our current mitigation efforts, landscaping and bug spraying. Motion seconded and passed. It costs about \$150 to spray for bugs inside and out.

Cellar Work: Bob will continue to monitor the roof to see if our support system is adequate. He would still like to put a facing trim board on the roof to keep the sun off the edge of the pond liner.

Outhouse: Debbie said that they might just put the outhouse up on cement blocks. They will not bother with getting official approval.

Cellar grass: The grass looks good after this wet spring.

Cellar fence: We decided to put a picket fence along the south side of the roof extending all the way to the house with a gate against the wall. We will match the fence in the front as close as possible by either purchasing sections or individual pickets. Debbie will see what materials cost and let us know. Bob and Seth will see that it gets done.

Map mounting: Becky will check with husband Ken to see about mounting the map in the hallway.

Map display: Jan will check with Chuck Just to see if he knows of a place in Idaho Falls that would like to display the map.

Membership: Wendy sent out individual billings, but still has quite a few that haven't paid. Rick will put the current list on the website. We need to be thinking of how to engage younger members and encourage annual dues paying. Urging older members to give gift subscriptions to their kids might work.

House door hardware: Mike Brassea, a carpenter friend of Becky and Ken's, has adjusted the front door so that it can be locked and uncovered beautiful hardware which had been covered with layers of paint. Many thanks go his way.

Conflict of Interest: Debbie made a motion to approve our conflict of interest policy, which is required of our business entity structure. Motion seconded and passed.

Insurance: Kathy made a motion to NOT purchase a secretary bond. In its stead we will have Kathy and Jan review the books annually. Motion seconded and passed. We also agreed that physical damage insurance was unnecessary as the house and contents are irreplaceable and money wouldn't help in the event of a loss. Wendy made the motion to NOT pursue damage insurance. Motion seconded and passed. Debbie made a motion to decline a director's and officer's insurance policy which was cost prohibitive. Motion seconded and passed. We decided, however, that liability insurance was important. Bob said that his insurance agent said he could add the Just House and property onto Bob's current policy at little cost. Kent made a motion to pursue this. Motion seconded and passed. Becky will make sure that Megan Davis's homeowner's insurance has liability coverage since we spill over on her property during the reunion.

Humanities Speaker: Rick is a newly approved bureau speaker for the Humanities Council.

Reunion: Bob said that Cody and Jared will be available to set up the tent. Kathy will call Oscar Mattson about a flag ceremony using a flag that Becky has. Becky will ask Rich and Char Reid to take care of breakfast on Sunday morning. Jan will ask two people to help with house

tours. Seth suggested someone take photos and make it available to others via an sd slot at the end of the reunion.

Bookcase drawer contents to Rick: Rick visited the old house and took some items from the drawer in the middle of the big room to copy including some of Agnes's writings. He wants to create a digital database of misc. docs with Merle's help.

Legal Docs: We agreed to put the easement documents for Megan Davis in the filing cabinet in the old house.

Speaker: Kent made a motion to keep the cell phone speaker that we tried out at this meeting at a cost of \$104. Motion seconded and passed.

Officer terms: Becky and Wendy's terms are up and they both agreed to run again. Wendy said she would be happy to hand off either or both of the secretary and treasurer jobs if someone wants them.

We adjourned at 4:00 pm

By Wendy R. Pratt Secretary/Treasurer