

*Presto Preservation Association*  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Minutes  
March 25, 2023

Attendees: Kathy Christiansen, Becky Davis, Rick Just, Debbie Reid-Oleson, Ginger Reid, Wendy Pratt, Bob Reid, Emma Just, Joel Just, Roy Fuller, Megan Arnold, and Daryl Snyder  
Excused: Leo Wallace and Betsy Just  
Absent: Seth Pratt and Jared Reid

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the Annual Membership Meeting (August 14, 2022) were reviewed and approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Account balances as of March 25, 2023, are as follows:

General Account:	\$5,808.50
House Restoration Account:	\$4,337.37
PayPal Account:	\$525.41

Expenditures from the *House Restoration Account* were reviewed as follows:

1. \$7,600 payable to Dan Cummins to order shingles for the pending roof project.
2. The *Idaho Heritage Trust* now requires General Liability Insurance for the house; therefore, Wendy made a payment of \$311 for the insurance policy that was obtained by Becky.

Expenditures from the *General Account* were reviewed (costs to print the *Presto Press*, *Ancestry.com* annual subscription(\$409/year), and Sustaining Membership in the Bingham County Historical Society (\$125/year).

Janet J. Hill, Retired CPA, conducted the annual financial audit (8/1/2021 through 7/31/2022) and found all records and transactions to be order.

OLD BUSINESS:

- *Presto Press:* Rick is seeking ideas for the next edition and encouraged members to submit articles, wedding, birth, and graduation photos, etc., to him for inclusion in the publication. Rick included information in the last edition regarding collection of dues, donations, and bequests. Discussion ensued regarding feature articles on members of the *current* generation. Due to the high cost of publishing the *Presto Press*, as time permits, Rick will compare the Membership List with the *Presto Press* mailing list to ascertain how many non-paid members are receiving the *Presto Press*; after which, Board members will volunteer to contact non-paid members either by e-mail or telephone/text to encourage payment of their dues.
- Membership Committee: Emma shared the current Membership List with Board members prior to the meeting. Kathy proposed that Emma convert the List to *Google*.docs and invite Board members to review the document to add telephone numbers, etc. Rick has added an option for “gift” memberships to the *Association* website, as well as for [recurring monthly or annual donations](#). Options for enhancing communication with members will continue.
- Fund-Raising Committee: Debbie and Becky will inventory Sesquicentennial souvenirs prior to the reunion. Debbie has eight pounds of caramels ready to sell at the reunion. Fred Campbell’s daughter will donate more items from his collection for future fund-raising activities. Kathy will contact the North Bingham County Historical Park director to ascertain whether they wish

to purchase *Association* publications (at a discount) for sale at the Park. Rick will add the cookbook, "Just Reid for Home Cooking," to the *Association* website for on-line purchase, and Kathy will deliver a copy to the Bingham County Historical Society. Rick will also review options for adding some publications to the website for on-demand purchase.

- The *Lost Apple Project* will be removed from the agenda.

#### NELS AND EMMA JUST HOUSE RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION:

- Based on an opinion from the *Idaho Heritage Trust (IHT)* historical architect, power-washing and application of water-proofing to exterior brick/mortar restoration will not be done at this time; the restoration will be monitored over the next few years to determine whether there is a need to perform the work.
- Replacement of East Roof: The *IHT* has approved a matching grant up to \$16,000. Dan Cummins Construction has ordered the shingles, and work will be scheduled. Dan will evaluate the need for "venting" after the current roof is removed. Per Debbie, a building permit is not required for the work. Becky will take in-progress and final photos of the work, which is now required by the *IHT*.
- Megan noted large numbers of Starlings at the house. Becky will ask Ken Davis to evaluate and/or repair soffit and fascia at the house.
- Kathy announced that the *IHT* logo is now required on all media (Facebook, newspaper, websites, etc.) where the *IHT* has awarded grants; Kathy will add the logo to the Association website.
- Window Restoration:
  - Debbie and Becky provided a status report on pending window restoration projects.
  - Rick will send funds for restoration of the "Just" window after completion.
- Windmill Blades: Bob and Jared will follow-up to seek a "hub" and six-foot blades.
- Exterior West Bathroom Wall: Kathy will follow-up with the *IHT* historical architect for recommendations to place a protectant on the brick/mortar wall.
- Picket Fence: Ginger and Fred Craft will follow-up to stabilize the fence and reinstall a section of fencing from the exterior bathroom wall to the trees allowing for a walkway around the North end of the house.
- Log Shop: Debbie announced that chinking the structure has been postponed until 2024.
- Woodpeckers: Options to prevent damage to the exterior brick and mortar continue to be evaluated.
- Outhouse: Debbie presented plans to erect an outhouse at the same location as the current outhouse with a completion date of July 31, 2023. A motion was made to approve a total cost not to exceed \$3,500; motion seconded and approved. Debbie, Joel and Rick each committed \$500 to the project. Additional donations will be requested in the next edition of the *Presto Press*.
- Public/Private Tours: Options for scheduling tours were reviewed, including public tours on Sunday of the annual reunion and a wait list for 3-4 private tours to be scheduled in June and July by appointment only.

#### REUNION (August 12-13, 2023):

After discussion, it was agreed that the reunion will be a two-day event at the Just Homestead. Camping will be available on-site with the Annual Membership Meeting on Sunday. Other activities, such as a Saturday night weenie roast and/or social hour were reviewed. Joel will consult with Chuck Just about a social event at his home. Attendees will be reminded during the Live Auction to pay their annual membership dues. A planning committee was established: Ginger, Bob, Becky, Debbie and Megan. The committee will provide a reunion agenda by April 30, 2023.

Kathy asked for recommendations to shorten the Annual Membership Meeting with a more interactive

format; discussion ensued. Kathy will implement recommendations at the 2023 Meeting.

BOARD ACTIONS/INFORMATION:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Annual review of the *Association Guiding Statements* was conducted; approved.
- Rick previously announced a Barbed-Wire Collection maintained by Glade Wasden from Rexburg. After discussion, it was decided that the display at the Just House will not be pursued at this time. Board member Leo Wallace also has a collection that he is willing to display at the House.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be scheduled after the Reunion Planning Committee completes its work on April 30, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

Submitted by,  
Kathy (Mattson) Christiansen