

*Presto Preservation Association*  
Board of Directors Zoom Meeting  
Minutes  
April 23, 2022

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

APPROVAL/ADDENDUM OF MINUTES: The minutes of the previous meeting of February 26, 2022, were reviewed and approved. Debbie proposed an addendum to the meeting minutes of August 11, 2019, to show that Deb Partin gifted a Brent Cotton painting, which was previously purchased by her parents, Fred and Dorothy Campbell (deceased), to the *Association* as a fund-raising donation. The proposal was approved, and the painting will be maintained by Ginger Reid for future fund-raising.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Account balances as of April 20, 2022, were as follows:

General Account:	\$15,400.11
House Restoration Account:	\$6,966.25
PayPal:	\$195.02

OLD BUSINESS:

- Presto Press: Rick presented information that he plans to include in the next edition of the *Press*, including reunion details.
- Membership Committee: Emma announced three new members since the last meeting and that she will not be able to attend the reunion in August. Rick plans to update the *Association* website with options for “gift” memberships and recurring monthly or annual donations. Emma sent membership lists to Directors, who will follow-up to remind family members if their dues have not been paid. Rick and Wendy will review options for enhancing communication with members (e.g., dues, donations, and bequests).
- Fund-Raising Plan: Kathy modified the Guiding Statements to replace a *Fund-Raising Plan* requirement with appointment of a Fund-Raising Committee. The revised Statements were approved. Kathy will ask Ginger and Leslie to co-chair the Committee.
- A grant request to the Idaho Humanities Council may be considered in the future.
- Just-Reid for Home Cooking Cookbook: Rick presented printing costs for the Cookbook, which were approved not to exceed \$2,500. Motions were made and approved for printing costs to be paid from the General Fund with proceeds of sales deposited to the House Restoration Account. Roy proposed that the *Cookbook* be available for purchase on the *Association* website; Rick will follow-up.
- Rick and Becky noted that the *Lost Apple Project* is pending.
- Rick announced that historical research of George Waldron Bennett is pending.

NELS AND EMMA JUST HOUSE RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION:

- Kathy announced that *Abstract Masonry Restoration* has scheduled the next phase of brick/mortar restoration at the Just House to begin in late May/early June.
- Debbie reviewed a PBS program on brick/mortar restoration and encouraged Directors to watch the show.
- Tell-a-Story: Completed; remove from agenda.
- *Abstract Masonry Restoration* has proposed application of a cleaner and water-repellant to the restored

bricks/mortar. Becky has forwarded product data sheets for these products to Katherine Kirk of the *Idaho Heritage Trust* for its recommendation regarding the proposal.

- The *Association* will consider an *Idaho Heritage Trust* grant application for 2023 at its Annual Membership Meeting.
- Window Restoration:
  - Debbie has installed temporary blinds on the South and West windows of the parlor.
  - Becky provided a status report on pending/completed window restoration by Ken Davis.
  - Debbie previously announced that Johnson Brothers will replace the pane muntins (grilles) on the “Charlie Just” window this Spring and process a refund of \$236.76, which was an overpayment for the “Elsie Johnson” window. Action pending.
  - Debbie previously indicated that she will follow-up on her proposal to install a storm window on one of the new windows and provide a sample from Johnson Brothers. Action pending.
  - Debbie previously presented proposals for the South attic window (formerly a door) and metal exterior frames on two other attic windows. Rick noted that the South window will show an early history of the house and proposed that it not be reconfigured; however, the Board should take action to prevent a safety hazard at the current step down at the window interior. Becky noted that Ken Davis can restore the window and presented photos of the exterior window, including a hole in the soffit above the window. After discussion, Becky noted that she will ask Ken Davis to remove the exterior window framing, after which she will send a photo to Kathy if brick/mortar work is needed behind the framing. Ken and Becky will also assess the hole in the soffit to determine whether repairs are needed and can be made.
- Plaster Restoration (Interior): Kathy will schedule a visit to the house, during July 2022, by a historic plaster restoration company to look at options for restoring interior plaster.
- Windmill Blades: Rick showed options that are available on the Internet; he will send his findings to Jared Reid.
- Porch/Deck: Options for discouraging woodpeckers from damaging the restored brick/mortar were reviewed. Rick will send information to Becky about a solar “squirrel chaser” that may resolve the problem.
- Picket Fence: Debbie and Ginger have reviewed options for stabilizing the fence, as well as power-washing and painting. Debbie, Ginger, and Paul Reid will follow-up; no funding is requested at this time.
- Walkways/Signage Around House: Tabled.
- Roof Repairs: Tabled.
- Restroom Facilities:
  - Becky has scheduled a Porta-Potty for the tour by the *Daughters of the Utah Pioneers* on May 23, 2022, which will remain on-site during the next phase of brick/mortar restoration.
  - Debbie proposed installation of a pit-latrine and reviewed options and standards, including handicap access, volunteer construction labor, ventilation, maintenance, and handwashing (sink). Discussion ensued regarding requirements to prevent groundwater contamination. Debbie will procure an estimate to construct a latrine and forward to Board members for review. Becky will follow-up with Megan Arnold regarding any concerns that she may have with installation of a latrine.
- Public/Private Tours: Discussion ensued regarding scheduling and announcing public tour dates; tour fees or donations; seeking volunteers to conduct tours; and protocol for private tours. Action tabled.

#### REUNION (August 13-14, 2022):

- The Reunion will be held at the North Bingham County Park in Shelley.
- Rick will include details in the next edition of the *Presto Press*, including a request for more donated, homemade items from family members.
- A breakfast and the Annual Membership Meeting will be held on August 14, 2002; Ginger will be asked by

Becky to coordinate the breakfast.

- Becky will ask Kittie Peterson whether she wishes to cater the Noon meal on August 13<sup>th</sup>. If not, Kathy will seek costs from other vendors.
- A photographer will be available at the Reunion, and the location for taking photos will be announced at the registration desk.
- Debbie and Joel Just will provide name tags for attendees.
- In lieu of a *feature* family, Debbie proposed that attendees introduce family members and their generational relationships to Nels and Emma Just.
- Kathy will ask Wendy Pratt to contact Joan Winston to inquire whether two tours of the Kirkpatrick House and Aldridge School can be conducted: 11 a.m. to Noon and 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., and whether the *Association* can pay a fee (possibly \$100) to cover all admission costs.

BOARD ACTIONS/INFORMATION:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

NEXT MEETING: To be announced.

ADJOURNMENT

Submitted by,  
Kathy (Mattson) Christiansen