

Presto Preservation Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes
May 11, 2024

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

Becky shared a plaque that was awarded to her and her husband, Ken Davis, in 2011 by the *American Rock Art Research Association* for the petroglyphs located East of their home. The “Keepers of the Gate Award recognizes private landowners who have protected rock art on their property or which require access through their property.” A walking tour of the petroglyphs may be held in conjunction with the 2024 family reunion.

The minutes of the Annual Membership Meeting (August 13, 2023) were approved.

Wendy presented the Financial Report with the following account balances:

- General: \$12,324.46
- House Restoration: \$ 2,045.77
- PayPal: \$ 1,104.45

Debbie Reid-Oleson was thanked for her \$500 donation to the House Restoration Account. Wendy announced that Mary Ellen Ariana, a significant contributor to the *Association*, passed away in 2023 at the age of 101.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Presto Press: Rick announced plans for the next edition, including weddings, graduations, and community news, as well as recent obituaries. He will also include his “Presto” article that was recently published in the Idaho Magazine. Discussion ensued regarding publishing the *Press* on an *annual vs semiannual* schedule; it was agreed that semiannual editions are preferred.
- Membership Committee: Leah previously distributed the Membership Roster and requested that Rick grant her increased access to the PayPal account to track *one-time vs recurring* payments; Rick will follow-up. Leah will also use family trees to categorize membership to enhance communication with current members and encourage others to join the *Association*. Discussion ensued regarding individual vs family membership categories. A motion was made and approved to delete the individual membership category with a subsequent annual membership fee of \$25 for all members effective at the annual reunion in August. Rick will announce the change in the next edition of the *Presto Press*, and Kathy will subsequently post on the Just-Reid Family Reunion Facebook page.
- Fund-Raising Committee: The North Bingham County Historical Park is closing due to water issues; therefore, they will not be purchasing Association publications at this time. Kathy will contact the Idaho Potato Museum to ascertain whether they are interested in purchasing publications. Leah noted that the Museum of Idaho may be interested in selling *Association* publications. The publications may also be made available on *Instagram* and *Facebook*. Rick requested that a previous proposal to make publications available on-demand be tabled at this time.
- Family History Video Library: Roy previously proposed that a family history video library be made available for interested family members and others; Rick will establish a YouTube channel.
- Permanent Address for Association: Becky’s home address has been designated; completed.

- Recording Secretary: Attendees will seek volunteers to serve as Recording Secretary for the Board of Directors and submit names at the Annual Membership Meeting.
- Historical House Brochure: Debbie will bring examples to the Annual Membership Meeting.
- Rick presented an option to apply for an *Idaho Heritage Trust* grant to designate the Nels and Emma Just House as a Facility for Antiques. It was agreed that only “family-owned” items should be included in the House. Becky has an inventory of items currently in the House and noted the earlier donation of an antique ironing board. Since the House is deeded to the *Presto Preservation Association*, Daryl proposed implementation of a procedure for how antiques will be accepted. Tabled for further discussion at the Annual Membership Meeting.
- Ginger will follow-up with the Dorothy Lyon family to ascertain whether the “Nels Just” high chair is in the Lyon home.
- Rick will follow-up with Chuck Just to ascertain whether the original Homestead Plan can be reproduced.
- Transition of *Association* Leadership Responsibilities was discussed. Rick will begin sharing family history and his “Pages of the Past” blog in the *Presto Press*. Tabled for further review at the Annual Membership Meeting.
- Grant Request – *Idaho Humanities Council* – Tabled.

NELS AND EMMA JUST HOUSE RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION:

- Sommers Plastering Company plans to begin Interior Plaster Restoration in early June. Debbie noted that painting should be scheduled after plaster restoration is completed.
- Becky and Ken Davis have installed mesh around the exterior bricks of the house to prevent damage by Starlings and Woodpeckers.
- Becky announced that, if needed, soffit and fascia repairs to the house will be completed by family members.
- A 2025 *Idaho Heritage Trust* grant application will be considered at the Annual Membership Meeting to include painting of interior plaster; removal of *StokerMatic*/add gas heating; inspection of Kitchen cast-iron stove/chimney; and electricity to house after restoration of windmill.
- Window Restoration:
 - Debbie previously contacted Johnson Brothers to request corrective-action to the pane muntin’s of the Charlie Just window, as well as to request a refund for a previous overpayment. Corrective-action pending.
 - Debbie and Becky will evaluate the need for a storm window on the West side of the house; pending.
 - Becky announced that restoration of the Kent Just window is pending.
- Windmill Blades/Hub: Tabled.
- Fence around Cellar (Sod) Roof: Tabled.
- Log Shop: Debbie announced that chinking may be completed during the 2024 family reunion. Ginger and Debbie will solicit the help of Charlie Mattson and Fred Craft to coordinate the project. Becky noted that she and Ken Davis may be able to mill doors and windows for the Shop.
- Outhouse: Debbie noted that construction of the outhouse is nearly complete and that the walkway will need to be wheelchair-accessible. Discussion ensued regarding walkway options and potential liability; tabled.

REUNION (August 10-11, 2024):

Due to technical difficulties with the Zoom-call connection, the meeting was adjourned prematurely. Ginger, Becky, Debbie, Leah, and Megan will follow-up with reunion planning and submit the agenda to Rick by June 15th for inclusion in the next edition of the *Presto Press*. Board members will follow-up with transportation

needs to any activities away from the Just Homestead. Kathy will ask Elda Fuller Jones to play to pump organ during the reunion. Rick will provide a new sound system.

BOARD ACTIONS/INFORMATION:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Just House and Homestead Ten-Year Restoration/Preservation Plan will be reviewed for modification and approval at the Annual Membership Meeting.

- Daryl discussed the possibility of scheduling a tour of the house in June for Frank Just's birthday to include his fellow residents of the *Fairwinds Retirement Home*. Due to technical difficulties with the Zoom connection, Kathy agreed to send Daryl the current House-Tour Protocol procedure, as well as the Chronology of the Nels and Emma Just Home. Rick noted that Senator Julie VanOrden would also like to tour the House.

NEXT MEETING: The Annual Membership Meeting will be held on August 11, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

Submitted by,
Kathy (Mattson) Christiansen