

Presto Preservation Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes
June 24, 2023

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

Kathy announced that Emma will no longer be able to serve on the Board and thanked her for her participation in important Board decisions, as well as her significant contributions in maintaining membership records.

Rick announced that he is using a free Zoom app, *Fathom Notetaker*, that records, transcribes, and highlights key moments of a Zoom-call conversation.

The minutes of the previous meeting of March 23, 2023, were reviewed and approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Presto Press: Rick announced that Marlene Reid will be featured in the next issue. Rick also shared a listing of those who have not paid their membership dues and are receiving the *Press*; attendees will encourage payment of dues for those on the list. Dues for Deb Partin will be waived in the future due to her significant contributions to the annual reunion from the Fred Campbell estate.
- Membership Committee: Attendees will contact family members who may be willing to maintain the membership listing. Reunion attendees will be reminded to pay their dues at the Annual Membership Meeting; after which, Rick will send e-mail reminders to those who did not pay at the reunion (approximately two weeks after reunion). Options for enhancing communication with members will continue at the Annual Membership Meeting.
- Fund-Raising Committee: Debbie and Becky will inventory Sesquicentennial souvenirs prior to the reunion. Debbie extended appreciation to Deb Partin for auction contributions from Fred Campbell's estate. Rick has added "Just Reid for Home Cooking" to the *Association* website for on-line purchase and hopes to add "Nels and Emma Just, a Historical Collection" by Merle Reid Clark to the website and/or *Amazon* for print-on-demand in the future. The North Bingham County Historical Park is considering purchase of some Association publications to sell in their store.

NELS AND EMMA JUST HOUSE RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION:

- Replacement of East Roof: The project has been completed. Kathy will request disbursement of grant proceeds (\$8,000) from the *Idaho Heritage Trust (IHT)*.
- Interior Plaster Restoration: Kathy will contact Sommers Plastering Company to inquire whether its bid of August 3, 2022, has increased. If not, an *IHT* grant application for this project will be submitted by September 30, 2023, for 2024.
- Megan previously noted large numbers of Starlings at the house. Becky will ask Ken Davis to evaluate and/or repair soffit and fascia at the house if needed.
- Window Restoration:

- Debbie has contacted Johnson Brothers to request corrective-action to the pane muntins of the Charlie Just window, as well as to request a refund for a previous overpayment.
- Debbie and Becky will evaluate the need for a storm window on the West side of the house.
- Becky announced that restoration of the Kent Just window should be completed by July 31st.
- Windmill Blades: Rick proposed that a sheet-metal expert could assist with this project. Ginger will inquire whether Paul Reid is willing to assist with the project, and Joel indicated his willingness to assist as needed to locate a “hub” and six-foot blades.
- Exterior West Bathroom Wall: The *IHT* historical architect has recommended that a protectant not be added to the brick/mortar wall as long as dirt slopes away from the house. Debbie, Becky, and Ginger will follow-up; remove from agenda
- Picket Fence: Ginger, Becky, and Fred Craft will follow-up to stabilize the fence and reinstall a section of fencing from the exterior bathroom wall to the trees to allow a walkway around the North end of the house. Installation of a fence around the cellar (sod) roof will be evaluated.
- Log Shop: Debbie announced that chinking has been postponed until 2024. Becky noted that Ken Davis may be able to mill doors for the Shop and that she will evaluate options for windows. Charlie Mattson will be asked to assist with the chinking project; Kathy added that Fred Walters’ chinking recipe is available.
- Outhouse: Debbie noted that the outhouse will be available for use before the reunion with a few *finishing* tasks to be completed after the reunion. She also noted that the Bingham County inspector will require pit-cribbing and a self-closing door. A motion was made and approved to pay \$300 for the inspection permit, which will increase the total cost to not exceed \$3,800. Debbie, Joel, and Rick have each donated \$500 to the project and a request for donations was included in the last edition of the *Presto Press*. Hal Johnson has committed \$250, and Leo Wallace donated \$100.
- Bindweeds: Rick proposed use of Horticulture Vinegar for managing Bindweeds around the house.

REUNION (August 12-13, 2023):

Ginger, Becky, Debbie, and Megan reviewed reunion plans. The committee will determine a main course and anticipated number of attendees. Rick will notify the PPA membership that dry camping will be available at the Just Homestead, as well as the Idaho Potato Museum in Blackfoot. Chuck Just has agreed to host an informal social event at his home Saturday evening. A weenie roast will not be held this year. Rick and Jared will handle the Live Auction. Volunteers will be needed for the Silent Auction. Leo Wallace will help with the Sunday breakfast. Committee members will seek help from Directors as needed. Attendees will be reminded during the Live Auction to pay their annual membership dues. Kathy will ask Hal Johnson to present a history of his family prior to the Live Auction. Ginger proposed purchase of a 13’x13’ tent for the registration table; motion made and approved. Annual *Conflict of Interest Statements* will be available at the Membership Meeting for completion by Directors.

BOARD ACTIONS/INFORMATION:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The Nels and Emma Just House Tour Protocol was reviewed and approved with minor changes; next review will be June 2026.
- The Just House and Homestead Ten-Year Restoration/Preservation Plan was reviewed, modified, and approved; next review will be June 2024.
- Debbie and Megan agreed to serve additional three-year terms on the Board. Becky will contact Seth to ascertain his interest in continuing to serve on the Board. Directors will notify Kathy of family members or others who have an interest in serving on the Board.

- Debbie announced that Johnson Brothers is celebrating its 100-year anniversary and shared a brochure of the company's history. Debbie suggested that the *Presto Preservation Association* consider developing a similar brochure; tabled.
- Roy proposed that a family historical video library be made available for interested family members and others; Rick will follow-up.

NEXT MEETING: The Annual Membership Meeting will be held on August 13, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

Submitted by,
Kathy (Mattson) Christiansen