

Presto Preservation Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes
June 25, 2022

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the previous meeting of April 23, 2022, were reviewed and approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Account balances as of June 25, 2022, are as follows:

General Account:	\$14,294.90
House Restoration Account:	\$9,058.70

Joyce Stufflebeam recently donated \$2,000 to the House Restoration Account in memory of her late husband, Dwain, and Ruth Ray.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Presto Press: Rick presented information that will be included in the upcoming edition of the *Press*, including reunion details and options for collection of funds, donations, and bequests. He encouraged members to submit photos of marriages, graduations, births, etc., to him by July 2, 2022.
- Membership Committee: Wendy proposed that Board members review the membership list that was sent out by Emma Just after the last meeting and encourage family members who have not paid their dues to do so. After discussion, it was agreed that reminder notices for dues will be sent to members after November 8, 2022. Rick plans to update the *Association* website with options for “gift” memberships and recurring monthly or annual donations.
- Guiding Statements: Rick and Debbie agreed to co-chair the Fund-Raising Committee.
- A grant request to the Idaho Humanities Council may be considered in the future.
- Just-Reid for Home Cooking Cookbook: Additional copies of the *Cookbook* have been printed thanks to the efforts of Rick and Roy. Total printing costs were \$1,742 from the General Account, and the *Cookbook* will be sold at \$25 per copy with proceeds deposited to the House Restoration Account. Rick will add the Cookbook to the *Association* website for on-line purchase.
- Rick and Becky noted that the *Lost Apple Project* is tabled until the Fall of 2022.
- Rick shared the historical research of George Waldron Bennett with the Board via e-mail. Unfortunately, no significant events were found.

NELS AND EMMA JUST HOUSE RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION:

- *Abstract Masonry Restoration* recently completed exterior brick/mortar restoration on the West side of the house, as well as the South wall below the “Vin Reid” window.
- *Abstract Masonry Restoration* proposed application of a cleaner and water-repellant to the restored bricks/mortar. Becky has forwarded product data sheets for the products to Katherine Kirk of the *Idaho Heritage Trust* for its recommendation regarding the proposal.

- Plaster Restoration (Interior): Kathy will schedule a visit to the house by a historic plaster restoration company to look at options for restoring interior plaster.
- Repair and/or replacement of the East roof of the house will be evaluated within the next year.
- The *Association* will consider an *Idaho Heritage Trust* grant application for 2023 at its Annual Membership Meeting.
- Window Restoration:
 - Becky provided a status report on pending/completed window restoration by Ken Davis.
 - Debbie previously announced that Johnson Brothers will replace the pane muntin's (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.
 - Attendees visited the house to evaluate the South attic window (formerly a door) and determined that the window will be restored to its current configuration.
 - Becky previously reported that repairs to the interior frame of the "Charlie Just" window were completed last year.
- Windmill Blades: Rick previously showed options that are available on the Internet; he will follow-up with Jared Reid.
- Porch/Deck: Options for discouraging woodpeckers from damaging the restored brick/mortar are being evaluated.
- Picket Fence: Debbie and Ginger reviewed plans for stabilizing the fence with the assistance of Fred Craft. Based on Fred Craft's assistance with numerous projects, he will receive a "gift" membership to the *Association*.
- Walkways/Signage Around House: Tabled.
- Restroom Facilities: Debbie proposed installation of a pit-latrine and noted that the Health Department will require \$300 for testing of the site. It was proposed that a pathway be installed to the latrine for ease of access. Project tabled until 2023 with rental of Porta-Potties as needed.
- Public/Private Tours:
 - *Daughters of the Utah Pioneers* tour scheduled for June 28th at 10 a.m. Becky and Wendy will conduct the tour.
 - The Board agreed that tour groups will be asked for donations and/or a fee of \$5 per person.
 - Protocol for private tours; tabled.
 - Scheduling/Announcing public tours; tabled.
 - Volunteers to assist with tours (e.g., cleaning of house and grounds); tabled.

REUNION (August 13-14, 2022):

- The Reunion will be held at the North Bingham County Park in Shelley.
- A breakfast and the Annual Membership Meeting will be held on August 14, 2022; Ginger and Becky will coordinate the events, which will be held on the grounds of the Just Homestead House. The House will be open for interested family members.
- In lieu of a *feature* family, Debbie proposed that attendees introduce family members and their generational relationships to Nels and Emma Just; Debbie will coordinate this activity.
- Kathy announced that Joan Winston of the North Bingham County Historical Park will conduct a tour of the Kirkpatrick House and Aldridge School at 11 a.m. for Reunion attendees and that a fee of \$100 will be accepted to admit all attendees. Wendy will forward a check to Ms. Winston.

BOARD ACTIONS/INFORMATION:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Kathy requested that Board members contact family members to ascertain any interest in serving a three-year term on the Board. Ginger will follow-up with Bob Reid and Jared Reid and notify Kathy whether they wish to continue to serve on the Board. Kathy will contact Leo Wallace to ascertain his interest in serving on the Board.
- Becky showed a vintage ironing board that has been donated to the *Association*. Discussion ensued regarding options for the ironing board; tabled.
- Becky has a painting by Minerva Teichert, who is a relative of Jack Clark, which is not considered a historical artifact of the Just House. After discussion, it was agreed that Becky will offer the painting to Jack and Merle Clark for \$100.
- Kathy announced that Eric Bettencourt has offered, at no charge, to look at the Dining Room clock to determine whether it can be restored to working condition; approved.
- Rick announced that Idaho Heritage Partners is hosting the 4th Biennial Idaho Heritage Conference September 19-22, 2022, in Pocatello at a cost of \$125 per participant. The Board authorized payment of registration fees for interested *Association* members.
- Rick announced the 2022 Pacific Northwest Preservation Field School, which will include three separate sessions from August 28 to September 16, 2022, on preservation training and education at a cost of \$600 (Session 2) and \$900 (Sessions 1 and 3) per person. Based on interest, the Board may authorize partial payment.

NEXT MEETING: The Annual Membership Meeting will be held on August 14, 2022, at 10 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Submitted by,
Kathy (Mattson) Christiansen