

Presto Preservation Association
Annual Membership Meeting
Minutes
August 11, 2024

Attendees: Kathy Christiansen, Becky Davis, Rick Just, Debbie Reid-Oleson, Ginger Reid, Wendy Pratt, Leah Pratt, Roy Fuller, Seth Pratt, Megan Arnold, Jared Reid, Bob Reid, Leo Wallace, and Shannon Reid

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Betsy Just has resigned from the Board due to her relocation to Washington State.
- Rick Just donated 12 copies of the book, *Water Man, The Life & Letters of Nels Just*, to the Association.
- Casey Reid was thanked for grooming the grounds prior to the reunion.
- Charlie Mattson was thanked for maintaining the cemetery.

The minutes of the May 11, 2024, meeting of the Board of Directors were approved.

Wendy presented the Financial Report with the following account balances:

- General: \$4,337
- House Restoration: \$2,081
- PayPal: \$1,176

She also noted that auction proceeds were \$2,053 and that a check from the *Idaho Heritage Trust* for \$3,770 is expected soon for the completed Interior-Plaster Restoration project at the house. Discussion ensued regarding donations and expenditures for the new Outhouse; Wendy will follow-up to clarify. Janet Hill, Retired CPA, will conduct the annual Fiscal-Year Audit for the Association. Nelda Gough White donated \$500 for reunion expenses and printing of the *Presto Press*.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Presto Press: Rick reviewed plans for the next edition and noted that the last edition with weddings, graduations, family events, and recent obituaries was well received. Attendees reviewed options for transitioning responsibility for the *Press* to the younger generation.
- Membership Committee: Leah noted a 50-percent payment of dues for the coming year and that she will send e-mail reminders to those who have not paid. She will also implement an override process where a family member can make recurring payments for more than one family or individual.
- Fund-Raising Committee: Options for donations, as well as bequests as part of estate planning, to the Association were reviewed and encouraged; Rick will include the options in the next edition of the *Presto Press*. The North Bingham County Historical Park has reportedly re-opened and may be an option to sell Association publications; Becky will follow-up. Kathy will meet with the Director of the Idaho Potato Museum next week to ascertain interest in buying and re-selling Association publications. Leah will contact the Museum of Idaho to ascertain its interest in selling Association publications. Merle Reid Clark's books may also be an option at the various venues. Debbie will follow-up with the Candy Jar Art Gallery in Blackfoot to propose a showing of art work by Mabel Bennett. Wendy and Becky will follow-up to schedule a tour of the house in September to include invitations to the Bingham County Historical Museum, the Idaho Potato Museum, and the North Bingham County Historical Park.
- Family History Video Library: Rick has set up a You-Tube Channel family history video library for interested family members and others. Rick encouraged attendees to submit family videos for

inclusion in the library. He is seeking a photo of the Wolverine Canyon Band to include on the Channel.

- Historical House Brochure: Leo has obtained a bid (\$1,000 for 600 brochures); he and Debbie will follow-up.
- An option to apply for an *Idaho Heritage Trust* grant to designate the Nels and Emma Just House as a Facility for Antiques was reviewed. Rick would like to see a Fresno Scraper at the Just Homestead due to its significance to family history. Development of a procedure for how antiques will be accepted was tabled.
- Ginger will follow-up with the Dorothy Lyon family to ascertain whether the “Nels Just” high chair is in the Lyon home.
- Chuck Just donated the original, framed, James Just “Homestead” Certificate (1901) to the *Association*. Since Susan Mattson owns property included in the original Certificate, a motion was approved to allow her to display the Certificate in her home with an annotation that it is “on loan” and will be returned to the *Association* when Susan no longer resides in the home. Justin Oleson located three more Certificates in the house and proposed that they be framed and displayed in the house. A proposal was made to display the Certificates in an album in the house; tabled.
- Transition of *Association* Leadership Responsibilities was discussed. It was agreed that planning should include responsibilities of the Board of Directors and Officers, as well as publishing the *Presto Press*. Seth proposed use of a *Public Interest Subscriber List or Bookmark*.

NELS AND EMMA JUST HOUSE RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION:

- Sommers Plastering Company has completed Interior Plaster Restoration; awaiting disbursement of grant funds from the *Idaho Heritage Trust*.
- After review and revision of the Just House and Homestead Ten-Year Restoration/Preservation Plan, it was agreed that an *Idaho Heritage Trust* grant application will not be submitted for 2025. A recommendation by *Abstract Masonry Restoration* to apply a water-proofing agent to restored brick/mortar will not be implemented based on a recommendation by the *Idaho Heritage Trust* Historical Architect. In response to a proposal to add heating to the house to prevent deterioration of the structure, risk vs benefit was discussed. Rick proposed thermometers to monitor heat and humidity levels in the house; motion made and approved to procure equipment; Rick will follow-up. Ginger noted that restoration of the house will be ongoing, and Wendy added that surrounding ranch property owners protect the house. Seth proposed that a Day Care with sandbox be established for the annual reunion. A proposal was made to create a memorial identifying the names of cremated ashes that have been spread at the homestead and cemetery. Bob, Ginger, and Jared will follow-up. The Ten-Year Restoration/Plan as approved as amended.
- Window Restoration:
 - Debbie announced that Johnson Brothers has refunded \$236.76 to the *Association*, and she will request corrective-action to the pane muntin’s of the Charlie Just window.
 - Debbie noted that the screen for the *Charlie Just* (West Living Room) window is missing.
- Windmill Blades/Hub: After discussion of options, it was agreed that a “purpose” will be developed, after which Rick will research the possibility of seeking a historical grant.
- Log Shop: Debbie announced that chinking will be scheduled next year. Fabrication of doors and windows is pending. A recommendation was made to use Plexiglass for the windows.
- Outhouse: Construction of the handicap-accessible outhouse has been completed. Debbie moved that funding be approved to complete a walkway to the outhouse; motion approved.

FAMILY REUNION (August 10-11, 2024):

A critique of the reunion was conducted as follows:

- Kathy proposed that the Silent Auction be moved to a more accessible area
- The Weenie Roast was well attended
- Bigger coolers, as well as a boat for ice, are needed
- The food was excellent
- In lieu of a permanent structure to replace portable canopies, a motion was made and approved for Jared to purchase two 10x20 pop-up canopies at a cost of \$75/each
- A patch kit for the large tent will be available before set-up next year to repair damaged areas

BOARD ACTIONS/INFORMATION:

- The *Conflict-of-Interest Policy and Annual Statement for Directors and Officers and Members of a Committee with Board Delegated Powers* was reviewed and approved on August 10, 2024.

NEW BUSINESS:

Board of Directors/Nominating Committee: Becky Davis, Ginger Reid, Wendy Pratt, and Shannon Reid were nominated and elected to the Board for three-year terms. Shannon has agreed to serve as Secretary for the *Association*.

Election of Officers: Rick conducted the election with approval of the following Officers: Kathy Christiansen, President; Roy Fuller, Vice-President; Wendy Pratt, Treasurer; and Shannon Reid, Secretary.

Annual Conflict of Interest . . . Forms, which are required by the *Association By-Laws*, were signed by Directors.

NEXT MEETING: To be scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT

Submitted by,
Kathy (Mattson) Christiansen