

*Presto Preservation Association*  
Annual Membership Meeting  
Minutes  
August 13, 2023

Attendees: Kathy Christiansen, Ken, Becky and Bennett Davis, Rick and Rinda Just, Debbie Reid-Oleson, Ginger Reid, Seth and Leah Pratt, Bob Reid, Joel Just, Roy and Nancy Fuller, Wendy Pratt, Donetta Reid, and Casey Reid

The minutes of the previous Board of Directors Meeting, held on June 24, 2023, were approved

Wendy presented the Financial Report with account balances as follows:

PayPal:	\$685.46
General Account:	\$1,810.02
House Restoration Account:	\$125.62

Wendy also reviewed fixed expenditures, and Kathy announced that reimbursement from the *Idaho Heritage Trust* for the Roofing Project (\$8,000) is pending.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Presto Press: Rick announced that Marlene Reid will be featured in the next issue and encouraged attendees to submit information/photos about Marlene.
- Membership Committee: Leah Pratt has agreed to serve on the Board of Directors and will assume Membership responsibilities for the *Association*. Discussion ensued regarding options for increasing membership and enhancing communication with members. After payment of dues for the coming year have been recorded, an e-mail or text reminder will be sent to those who have not paid. Seth and Leah will assist with automation of the reminders. The Board will follow-up per *Discussion*.
- Fund-Raising Committee: Attendees were reminded that donations may be made in memoriam of a family member.

NELS AND EMMA JUST HOUSE RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION:

- Debbie reviewed progress on the Outhouse, which will be completed next year.
- Interior Plaster Restoration: A motion to submit a grant application to the *Idaho Heritage Trust* for \$7,890.50 for Interior Plaster Restoration by Sommers Plastering Company was approved.
- Rinda proposed that projects for the future should be considered. Debbie proposed that the *StokerMatic* coal stove be removed with subsequent installation of some type of gas heating added to the fireplace. She also proposed that the Kitchen cast-iron stove and chimney be inspected with the possibility of returning it to working order. An option for having electricity in the house after repair of the windmill may be possible.
- Window Restoration: Becky announced that Ken Davis has replaced the Kent Just window with a newly fabricated window that is constructed of Russian Olive wood.
- Windmill Blades/Hub: Rick proposed that a journeyman sheet-metal expert could assist with this project; follow-up pending.
- Picket Fence: Ginger announced completion of this project. Installation of a fence around the cellar (sod) roof will be evaluated later.
- Log Shop: Debbie announced that chinking has been postponed until 2024. Ken Davis plans to fabricate Dutch-Doors for the Shop. Options for windows will be evaluated. A proposal was made to chink the Shop in conjunction with the 2024 Just Reunion as a group project.

### REUNION (August 12-13, 2023):

Attendees critiqued the Reunion. The walking tour to the hydroelectric project was enjoyed by attendees with a subsequent proposal that a similar activity be held in conjunction with the Reunion (e.g., walking tour to Petroglyphs) each year just prior to the Noon luncheon. The social hour hosted by Chuck and Joel Just was enjoyed by many. More than 70 family members attended the Reunion, and it was agreed that future reunions should be held at the Just Homestead. Rinda was thanked for providing bamboo tableware and cups, which will be used at future events. The live auction was a huge success that generated more donations to the Outhouse project. Attendees should be encouraged to sign the guest book in the house. A proposal was made to seek a grant from the *Idaho Heritage Trust* to designate the house as a "Facility for Antiques." Rick noted that the original "Charlie Just" highchair is at the home of Chuck Just and inquired about the "Nels Just" highchair. Ginger will contact Steve Lyon to determine whether the "Nels Just" highchair is at the home of his mother, Dorothy Lyon. Elda Fuller Jones will be asked to play the Pump Organ at future reunions.

### BOARD ACTIONS/INFORMATION:

None.

### NEW BUSINESS:

- Chuck Just has a Homestead Plan signed by the President of the United States. Rick will ask whether we can reproduce the Plan.
- Stephanie Phillips Williams donated a beautiful, velvet, tufted pillow that was made by Bob Reid and given to Stephanie's mother, Marjorie Phillips. The donation also included documentation of the pillow's history.
- Rick announced the need for a permanent address for the *Presto Preservation Association* "Secretary of State Annual Report;" the Board will follow-up.
- Janet Hill will be asked to conduct the *Association* annual Fiscal-Year Audit (8/1/2022 through 7/31/2023).
- Kathy asked for volunteers who would like to serve as Recording Secretary for the *Association*. Rick also announced the availability of a free app, *Fathom Notetaker*, that records, transcribes, and highlights key moments of Zoom-call conversations.
- Discussion ensued regarding transition of *Association* leadership responsibilities to the next generation. One option would be annual publication of the *Presto Press* to include family history and excerpts from Rick's "Pages of the Past" blog.
- Ginger, Debbie, and Becky will schedule a Fall Tour of the house.
- Election of Board Directors and Officers was conducted by Rick. Debbie Reid-Oleson, Megan Arnold, Seth Pratt, and Leah Pratt were elected to serve three-year terms on the Board. Officers will be: Kathy Christiansen, President; Roy Fuller, Vice-President, Wendy Pratt, Treasurer; and Leah Pratt will assume Membership duties. Wendy is willing to turn over duties of Treasurer to anyone who may be interested in the position.
- Discussion ensued regarding the need to either seal the Log Shop to protect reunion supplies, tables, chairs, etc., from the elements and/or tarp contents of the Shop. Ken Davis will follow-up.
- Required *Annual Conflict of Interest Statements for Directors and Officers* were distributed for completion and return to Kathy.

NEXT MEETING: The next Board meeting will be scheduled as needed.

### ADJOURNMENT

Submitted by,  
Kathy (Mattson) Christiansen