

Presto Preservation Association
Annual Membership Meeting
Minutes
15 August 2021

Attendees: Kathy Christiansen, Betsy Just, Becky Davis, Rick Just, Megan Arnold, Debbie Reid-Oleson, Ginger Reid, Roy Fuller, Joel Just, Jared Reid, Bob Reid, Joel Just, Seth Pratt, Wendy Pratt, Gerry Becker, Ann Just, Rinda Just, Ken Davis, Jan Hill, Bill Reid, Donetta Reid, Chuck Just, Charlotte Reid, Leah Pratt and Family Members of Nels A. Just (Deceased)

Excused: Charlie Just and Emma Just

Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting of July 10, 2021, was tabled.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The following account balances were provided by Wendy Pratt:

- General Account: \$4,914.18
- House Restoration Account: \$1,745.12

Rick will request grant funds from the *Idaho Heritage Trust* in the amount of \$6,500 for completion of the recent phase of brick/mortar restoration. The funds were transferred from the General Account to pay *Abstract Masonry Restoration* and will be deposited back into the *General Account*. Joel will assist Wendy with distribution of funds received from on-line purchases.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Presto Press: Rick has not formalized a plan for the next edition, but will highlight the recent reunion and Sesquicentennial even. He requested that reunion photos be sent to him at rickjust@rickjust.com. It was suggested that Wendy send the document, which she used to present the history of Nels and Emma Just at the reunion, to Rick for inclusion in the next edition. In the next edition, Rick will also include information and music from the tribute to Gary Just that was presented by Bob and Mindi Palmer. Rick will also include notes of appreciation to family members who were involved in the success of the Reunion and Sesquicentennial event. Kathy will send a note of appreciation to Chuck Just for storing reunion equipment and supplies for many years.
- Membership Committee: Emma Just, Chair of the Committee, was not able to attend the meeting.
- Fundraising Update: Tabled.
- Just-Reid for Home Cooking Cookbook: Roy has submitted the document to Rick, who anticipates printing before the reunion in August 2022.
- National Register of Historic Places: The designation plaque was installed next to the front door of the house by Ken Davis.
- Memorial Window Plaques: Betsy procured memorial plaques, which were placed on the windows by Hal Johnson (in memory of his wife, Elsie, and mother, Myrtle) and Chuck, Frank and Joel Just (in memory of their father, Charlie Just).

NELS AND EMMA JUST HOUSE RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION:

- Kathy presented a proposal from *Abstract Masonry Restoration* to: Option 1 - remove the remaining stucco at the base of exterior walls and repair/restore the underlying masonry (\$12,000 to \$20,000) and Option 2 - clean historic masonry and apply water repellent (\$4,700 to \$6,300). Option 1 was approved with the work to begin in early 2022. Rick will submit a grant request to the *Idaho Heritage Trust*.
- Attendees reviewed numerous projects that have been/will be completed: cleaning of cemetery,

installation of a new walkway to the house, exterior/interior brick/mortar restoration, kitchen floor, relocation of log shop, and front-yard grass.

- Discussion ensued regarding future projects: picket fence, interior bricks around memorial window, installation of other walkways around the house, and interior plaster restoration.
- Tell-a-Story: Becky is preparing a binder with photos and descriptions of projects, which will be placed in the house for interested visitors. She will share her photos with Rick.
- Window Restoration: Becky provided a status report on window restoration.
- Window Blinds: As per previous approval by the Board, Debbie will obtain/install *period* window blinds for two designated windows to reduce sun damage to house contents and window frames. The cost of the blinds will not exceed \$150-\$200 and will be paid from the *General Account*.
- Rain Gutter: A gutter has been installed by Ken Davis and Mike Brassea above the porch on the front of the house.
- Plaster Restoration (Interior): Kathy will schedule a visit by a historical plaster restorer during October 2021.
- Windmill Blades: Jared Reid has determined the type of blades that were originally on the windmill and will move forward to obtain availability and pricing.
- Kitchen Floor Repair: Completed.
- Return of Log Shop to Original Site: The Barn/Shop has been moved from Megan's property to its new location North of the house. Debbie announced that reunion equipment and supplies will be stored in the Shop and covered with tarps until doors, windows and chinking are completed. Kathy will send a note of appreciation to Chuck Just for storing the equipment and supplies for many years. A previously approved motion to pay expenses up to a maximum of \$3,000 for relocation of the Shop was clarified to indicate that expenses will be paid from the *General Account*. Expenses to-date are approximately \$1,900.

REUNION and SESQUICENTENNIAL+1 EVENT (August 14-15,2021):

The Reunion and Sesquicentennial + 1 Event were critiqued with the following recommendations/comments:

- Kathy will send Brent Cotton a note of appreciation for donating his painting to the auction. Betsy and/or Ginger will also send Brent a souvenir Sesquicentennial Mug and Bag.
- A high-quality sound system is needed for future reunion auctions and presentations. Attendees who have a sound system for this purpose will notify Rick.
- Reunion attendees should be encouraged to donate more home-made food items for the silent auction.
- Betsy summarized expenses for the souvenirs that were available for purchase at the reunion. It was agreed that auction proceeds for the 2021 reunion will be deposited to the *General Account*.
- Rick has made the publication, *Lost Letters*, available at *Amazon.com*, and he also donated bound editions for the reunion and future events—thanks Rick!
- A recommendation was made to reassign responsibility for the Sunday Breakfast to alleviate the work required by the Reid family, who provided an excellent Breakfast again this year!
- Joel was thanked for designing the Sesquicentennial logo, donating name-tag lanyards, providing Sesquicentennial T-Shirts, and developing an on-line registration option.
- Jared Reid attempted to use a drone to record video footage of the reunion.
- More help will be needed in the future to clean and set-up tents, chairs and tables.
- After the meeting, Debbie reported that a photographer was at the reunion; however, there was very little interest in family photos. The photographer did take some nice event photos.
- Discussion regarding a venue for the 2022 reunion was held. It was generally agreed that the next reunion will be held off-site. Recommendations included the 7N Ranch in Heise and the Mountain River Ranch. The reunion schedule could be revised to hold the Annual Membership Meeting on Saturday morning.

BOARD ACTIONS/INFORMATION:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Charlie Mattson has volunteered to restore to log cabin located at the original Jim Just homestead. Charlie's grandmother, Clarice Agatha Just Phillips Mattson, was born in the cabin.
- Annual review of the following *Association* documents was conducted; both documents were approved:
 - *Guiding Statements*
 - *Conflict of Interest Policy and Annual Statement for Directors and Officers and Members of a Committee with Board Delegated Powers*Board members will complete an Annual Statement for Directors and Officers . . . as soon as possible and forward to Kathy.
- Board of Directors/Elections:
 - Becky Davis, Wendy Pratt, Betsy Just and Ginger Reid were re-elected to three-year terms on the Board of Directors.
 - The following Officers were retained for a one-year term: Kathy Christiansen, President; Roy Fuller, Vice-President; Wendy Pratt, Treasurer; and Charlie Just, Secretary.
 - Rick announced two members who have expressed an interest in serving on the Board.
- Jan Hill has agreed to conduct the required Fiscal-Year Financial Audit (August 1, 2020, through July 31, 2021) for the *Association*.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be announced.

ADJOURNMENT

The family of Nels A. Just (1956 – 2021) conducted a memorial and spread his ashes at the Nels and Emma Lone Pine Cemetery. Nels was the son of Alvin and Mary Just.