

Presto Preservation Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes
24 April 2021

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

The minutes of the previous meeting of February 20, 2021, were approved, with addition of the following Financial Report:

Account Balances (March 13, 2021):

- General Account: \$15,143.92
- House Restoration Account: \$ 5,121.75
- PayPal: \$ 2,171.44

FINANCIAL REPORT: The Report was provided by Wendy Pratt via email and was accepted by the Board.

Account Balances (April 24, 2021):

- General Account: \$14,944.92
- House Restoration Account: \$ 5,121.75
- PayPal: \$ 2,171.44

Wendy noted that the *Association* pays: \$199 twice per year for the *Ancestry.com* subscription; \$29.95/year to access *Newspapers.com*; and \$125/year for Sustaining Membership in the *Bingham County Historical Society*.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Presto Press: Rick provided some brief information about the upcoming issue, which will include memories of Ladene Gough.
- Membership Committee: Emma provided a membership update and anticipates renewals.
- Fundraising Update: Ginger and Charlie have not yet developed a formal *Fundraising Plan*. Debbie proposed pricing caramels along with membership dues as follows: half pound for \$50 or one pound for \$100, which can be purchased in person or online. Ginger and Charlie will meet and develop a formal *Plan* by the *Presto Press* publication deadline of June 1st.
- Just-Reid for Home Cooking Cookbook: Roy and Rick are nearly ready to place an order for Cookbooks.
- Bingham County Historical Society: Sustaining Membership in the Society has been renewed for one year.
- National Register of Historic Places: Rick estimates a cost of about \$800 to place a designation plaque at the Just House. He will forward proposals to the Board for approval.
- Memorial Window Plaques: Betsy will obtain plaques and they will be placed before the 2021 Reunion.

NELS AND EMMA JUST HOUSE RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION:

- Kathy announced that *Abstract Masonry Restoration* is scheduled to begin the next phase of brick/mortar/plaster restoration on June 28, 2021. Becky will schedule a Porta-Potty for workers and obtain more sand.
- Tell-a-Story: Follow-up by Becky and Wendy; tabled.
- Window Restoration: Becky provided a status report on window restoration. Rick suggested that the Chick Just window may be restored in memory of Kent Just.

- Walkway to House: After review of options, Joel motioned to approve the purchase of materials and fund the project after completion of brick restoration work. Becky seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.
- 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 an estimated cost of \$150-\$200 and will be paid from the *General Account*.
- Rain Gutter: Becky has obtained a rain gutter; she will follow-up with Ken Davis to install the gutter.
- Plaster Restoration (Interior): Kathy will research options for obtaining an historic plaster restoration company to restore the interior plaster at some point in the future.
- Windmill Blades: Jared Reid has asked for photos of the original windmill to determine the size of blades; attendees will look for photos and forward to Jared.
- Floor Repair: Becky will send before/after photos of the repairs to Rick.
- Return of Log Barn/Shop to Original Site: The Barn/Shop will be moved from Megan's property; discussion ensued regarding options for removing the barn from its current location. Becky and Debbie will follow-up per discussion. A previous proposal to seek a grant to assist with this project was tabled.

REUNION and SESQUICENTENNIAL+1 EVENT (August 13-15,2021):

- The Board unanimously approved a proposal to hold the Reunion and Sesquicentennial+1 Event in August.
- Betsy will work with Joel and Ginger to finalize a design and obtain price quotes for souvenirs that will be sold and/or auctioned at the Reunion. The items considered include, but are not limited to, reusable shopping bags, dish towels, Yeti Brand cups, and hats. A proposal, including a budget, will be submitted to the Board by May 24, 2021, for approval by an e-mail vote.
- The book, *Letters of Long Ago*, could be added to the auction, since we have plenty of copies; however, Rick reported that we only have one copy of *Lost Letters*. Rick will add *Lost Letters* to *Amazon.com* for purchase and will also have hard copies available at the Reunion if the cost is not too prohibitive.
- An assignment sheet for the Reunion was attached to the agenda; Kathy requested that Directors review the listing for assignments.
- Discussion ensued regarding the Sesquicentennial+1 event. Debbie presented sample name tag lanyards and family tree posters. Joel agreed to provide lanyards for the Reunion and will send a logo to the Board for approval. Debbie and Joel will follow-up.
- Debbie announced that a photographer will be available at the Reunion to take family photos, and Carol Honas will video highlights of the Reunion.
- Jared Reid plans to use a drone to record video footage of the Reunion.

BOARD ACTIONS/INFORMATION:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Rick proposed that the Association donate 30 copies of *Letters of Long Ago* to Charlotte Reid for use in an 11th Grade Literature Class at Snake River High School; proposal approved. Becky will coordinate donation of the books to Charlotte.
- Betsy announced that a memorial service for her husband, Jim Just, will be held on June 19, 2021, in Idaho Falls.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held Saturday, July 10th, 2021, at 1:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT