

Presto Preservation Association
Board of Directors Zoom Meeting
Minutes
10 July 2021

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

The minutes of the previous meeting of April 24, 2021, were reviewed and approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Current account balances were provided by Wendy.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Presto Press: Rick presented plans for the next issue of the *Press*, including an overview of the reunion and Sesquicentennial +1 Event to be held August 14-15, 2021, and Jack Connelly's article on the Timber Culture Act. A special registration book will be available at the Open House to capture information for invitations to future Open Houses.
- Membership Committee: Emma announced that she will not be able to attend the reunion this year. After discussion, Rick agreed to provide clarification on the *Association* web site regarding membership status: \$25/couple or family and \$15/individual. Becky reminded Directors that Mike Brassea will receive free annual membership due to his significant contributions to house restoration projects.
- Fundraising Plan: Charlie will draft a *Fundraising Plan* for presentation at the Annual Membership Meeting. Betsy presented cost information for souvenirs, and Joel announced that availability of t-shirts and hats with the Sesquicentennial logo. Attendees agreed that sales of souvenirs should be included in the *Plan*. Other discussion included incorporating primary funding sources and goals for seeking donors over the next five years into the *Plan*. Betsy, Ginger and Joel will assist Charlie with development of a draft *Plan*. Rick also suggested that the *Association* consider an annual grant request to the Idaho Humanities Council.
- Just-Reid for Home Cooking Cookbook: Roy announced that conversion of the original computerized document is nearly complete.
- National Register of Historic Places: Rick will obtain quotes for a "designation" plaque and forward to the Board for review and approval.
- Memorial Window Plaques: Betsy will obtain plaques, which will be placed on memorial windows during the reunion.

NELS AND EMMA JUST HOUSE RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION:

- Kathy, Becky and Debbie reviewed recent brick/mortar restoration by *Abstract Masonry Restoration*, including damage to exterior and interior walls that had not been anticipated; and, therefore, required more extensive repairs to stabilize walls. Due to these problems, funds were not available to complete the entire phase of the project. Total costs were \$15,150.04. The Board approved the following disbursements to *Abstract Masonry*, after which Rick will request grant funds (\$6,500) from the Idaho Heritage Trust, which will be deposited to the *General Account*:

House Restoration Account: \$ 4,150.04 (remaining account balance - \$1,745.12)
General Account: \$11,000.00 (remaining account balance - \$4,914.18)

- Tell-a-Story: Becky is preparing a binder with photos and descriptions of restoration projects to have available for visitors to the house. Seth volunteered to assist Becky by adding a new page on the web site to include photos with captions of restoration projects.
- Window Restoration: Becky provided a status report on window restoration. Debbie suggested that a storm window be installed on one of the new windows and will ask Johnson Brothers to provide a sample prior to the reunion. Debbie will also remind Johnson Brothers that modifications are still needed to the pane muntins (grilles) in the “Charlie Just” window to match those in the rest of the Living Room. Pending a decision on a storm window, Debbie will request a refund (\$236.76) from Johnson Brothers, which was an over-payment on the new Elsie Johnson window.
- Walkway to House: Ginger and Becky reviewed plans to install a micro-perma-bark walkway from the gate to the front of the house with an underlying weed barrier and edging. Directors agreed that the walkway should be the same width as the gate at the front of the house. Ginger and Becky will follow-up to install the walkway.
- Window Blinds: Tabled per Debbie’s request.
- Rain Gutter: Becky reported that the rain gutter has been installed by Ken Davis at a cost of approximately \$200.
- Plaster Restoration (Interior): Kathy will schedule a visit to the house by a historic plaster restoration company in October to look at options for restoring interior plaster at some point in time.
- Windmill Blades: Jared Reid will search the Internet for options.
- Relocation of Log Shop: Debbie reviewed plans by Justin Oleson to relocate the structure and place on a concrete slab. Bob and Debbie suggested that the Shop be repurposed for storage of *Association* equipment and supplies. Costs are estimated to be \$2,000-\$3,000. After discussion, Joel made a motion to install the concrete slab at a cost not to exceed \$3,000 to be paid from the *General Account*; motion seconded and approved.

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

Discussion ensued regarding the following:

- Constant Contact Reunion (Joel and Rick)
- Silent Auction (Rick)
- Live Auction – Brent Cotton Painting and Prints (Rick)
- It was suggested that one Brent Cotton Print be raffled (Becky)
- T-Shirts (Joel)
- *Letters of Long Ago* and *Lost Letters* will be included in the Silent Auction (Rick donated the cost of reprinting *Lost Letters*) – Thanks Rick!
- Use of swimming pool at Megan’s home; attendees will ask family members to supervise any of their children who use the pool.
- Rick will devote his “Speaking of Idaho” posts to the Just Family during August
- Wendy proposed that the Reid family delegate extensive work that is required to hold a Sunday Breakfast
- Fun Run (Ginger)

- Basket Raffle will not be held this year
- Souvenir sales (Betsy and Joel)
- Media coverage of Sesquicentennial Event

BOARD ACTIONS/INFORMATION:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- In lieu of appointing a formal Nominating Committee, Kathy requested that each Board member contact a family member to seek interest in serving on the Board of Directors and notify her of any interest. Becky, Wendy, Betsy and Ginger have agreed to seek re-election to three-year terms on the Board.

NEXT MEETING:

The Annual Membership Meeting will be held Sunday, August 15, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Submitted by,
Kathy (Mattson) Christiansen