

Presto Preservation Association
Annual Membership Meeting
August 9, 2020
Minutes

Present: Kathy Christiansen, Rick Just, Charlie Just, Megan Arnold, Becky Davis, Ginger Reid, Debbie Reid-Oleson, Wendy Pratt, Joel Just, Emma Just, Roy Fuller and Bob Reid

Absent: Seth Pratt, Betsy Just, and Jared Reid

Becky motioned to approve the minutes of the previous meeting (June 20, 2020); motion seconded and approved.

Wendy provided account balances as follows:

- General Account: \$15,366.19
- House Restoration Account: \$1,933.57
- PayPal Account: \$853.09

Presto Press: Rick provided an update and noted that the recent Summer edition should have been dated 2020, rather than 2019, on the front page. Rick announced that the next issue will feature documentation and photos from the *National Historic Register* application. Kathy plans to submit articles regarding Crillia Eudora Carson Just for the next issue.

Membership: Emma provided an update and announced that payment for membership renewal can be submitted via the *Association* website (PayPal), U.S. Mail, or through the on-line auction (September 1-7) by donating \$100 toward Debbie's caramel project, which will include a one-year membership and one pound of caramels. For the caramel project, \$25 will be deposited to the "General" Account for membership renewal, and the remaining \$75 will be deposited to the "House Restoration" Account. Attendees will remind family members to renew their memberships this year, and Wendy reminded everyone to designate *other donations* to either the "General" or "House Restoration" Account. Due to the Covid-19 hardship this year, Rick will e-mail PPA members with options for renewing memberships and a reminder to designate account donations.

Guiding Statements (Mission, Vision, Values, and Goals): Debbie moved to approve the *Guiding Statements*; motion seconded and approved. By January 1, 2021, Ginger and Charlie will draft a Fund-Raising Plan and forward to the Board of Directors for review.

Bingham County Historical Society: The Society will digitize photos and documents for *Association* members and return the originals. Any family member may submit items for digitizing. Information only; remove from agenda.

National Historic Register: Rick announced that the Just Homestead House is now on the *Register*. He also noted that the designation will be valuable when applying for grants in the future and recommended that the *Association* purchase a brass plaque to show designation on the *Register* for placement at the House.

Just-Reid for Home Cooking Cookbook: Roy has agreed to reformat the First Edition for printing; discussion ensued regarding options for binding that are more durable. A Second Edition will be considered in the future.

Just House and Homestead Ten-Year Restoration/Preservation Plan: An annual review of the *Plan* was conducted; Kathy will incorporate recommendations for changes and send out for review.

NELS AND EMMA JUST HOUSE RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION:

- Review of a proposal by *Abstract Masonry Restoration* to continue exterior/interior brick/mortar/plaster restoration was conducted. After a motion by Becky, Option No. 1 (\$9,000--\$15,000) was selected. Rick will

submit a grant request to the *Idaho Heritage Trust*. If funds are available, the work included in Option No. 1 will begin in the Spring of 2021. Option No. 2 (\$4,700 to \$6,300) will be considered in the future.

- The new window sponsored by Hal Johnson in memory of his wife, Elsie Johnson, has been installed. The Board extended its appreciation to Ken Davis for installing the window. Installation of the window that has been restored in memory of Fred Reid is pending.
- The Vin Reid family donated \$200 toward replacement of the South Dining Room window; however, the non-original window will not be replaced at this time. Ginger will propose to her family a total donation of \$500 toward restoration projects in the house and report back to the *Association*.
- Becky announced that Fred Walters, Historical Architect, agrees that latex, rather than oil-based, paint be used on restored windows, since it will be easier to re-paint in the future. Attendees approved the use of latex paint on all restored windows.
- Becky has applied a second coat of stain to the new porch flooring.
- Becky recommended installation of a rain gutter on the fascia board of the West porch to minimize moisture on the porch, which is minimal since the yard has been graded away from the porch. She proposed a galvanized gutter, painted white, with chain drains. Debbie made a motion to approve installation of a gutter; seconded and approved.
- Work days will be held each Saturday through August to clean up the yard, remove dust from the house, and return artifacts and furniture (which were moved and covered during the brick/mortar restoration project) to their original locations. Attendees were encouraged to volunteer for these projects.
- The "Tell-a-Story" project was tabled; Wendy and Becky will follow-up in the future.
- Becky noted that the floor under the Dining Room table has rotted. Ken Davis is willing to repair the floor, which is estimated to cost less than \$500. Debbie made a motion to repair the floor with funds from the General Account; motion seconded and passed.
- Discussion ensued about the need to relocate the log barn closer to its original location, as well as options for repurposing the barn for use by the *Association*. Becky proposed relocating the barn from Megan's property to a location behind the house near an old cellar. Kathy will send photos of the barn to attendees. It was agreed that the barn will be relocated within the next year, and Rick noted that he may be able to submit a grant request to assist with costs for relocating the barn.
- Debbie has previously agreed to check on building-permit requirements to construct a permanent outhouse at the Just Homestead; tabled.

REUNION:

- A critique of the 2019 Reunion as conducted; no suggestions for improvement were noted. The photographer is willing to take photos at the 2021 Reunion.
- The 2020 Just-Reid Reunion was canceled due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. The 2021 Reunion will be held August 13-15 in conjunction with the Sesquicentennial +1 event; planning will continue with the previously established committees.
- An online auction will be held September 1-7 and will include Debbie's caramel promotion (pay \$100 and receive a one-year membership, as well as one pound of Debbie's caramels) and the "Just-Reid" dishtowels. The cost for a virtual auction account was \$120. Attendees will encourage members to donate items for the auction by sending photos to Charlie Just. Currently, everyone who donates is responsible for delivery. Certain items cannot be shipped and will be available only for local delivery.

NEW BUSINESS:

Board of Directors/Nominating Committee:

- The following Board members were re-elected to three-year terms: Debbie Reid-Oleson, Megan Arnold, Seth Pratt, Charlie Just, and Emma Just.

- Officers for the coming year will be: Kathy Christiansen, President; Roy Fuller, Vice-President, Charlie Just, Secretary; Wendy Pratt, Treasurer; and Emma Just, Membership.

Annual Conflict of Interest . . . Statement: An annual review was conducted; Becky made a motion to approve the revised document; seconded and approved. Rick and Kathy will develop an electronic *Statement* that can be e-mailed to Board members for completion and signature.

Annual Fiscal-Year Financial Audit: Kathy will contact Jan Hill to ascertain whether she is available to conduct the Audit for the previous Fiscal Year (August 1, 2019 through July 31, 2020).

Window Memorial Plaques: As follow-up to plans to install small memorial plaques on windows that are family sponsored, Kathy shared several examples of wording that may be appropriate for the plaques. Kathy will re-send the examples to Board members.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Ruthie Brower of Firth has asked whether the *Association* has any interest in vintage bedsprings for future bedroom renovation projects at the Just House; Kathy will follow-up.
- Wendy announced that the Firth Medical Center has purchased an *Association* membership.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on October 31, 2020.