

Presto Preservation Association

Board Meeting

February 28, 2015

Kathy Christiansen residence Blackfoot, ID

Meeting called to order by Kathy Christiansen at 1:05 p.m.

Attendance: Kathy Christiansen, Becky Davis, Wendy Pratt, Kent Just, Rick Just, Bob Reid, Char Reid, Megan Davis, Hal and Elsie Johnson, and by phone: Jan Hill and Seth Pratt

Minutes: Kent Just made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Seconded and passed.

Financial Report: Wendy provided a written report and summarized the income and expenses since the reunion in 2014. We have a current checking balance of \$8,017.99. Becky moved to approve. Seconded and passed.

Roof Repairs: The repairs have been completed.

Filing Cabinet: We agreed to move the cabinet inside into Doug's room. Becky will see that it is taken in and on placed on top of a board to protect the floor.

Window Repairs: Rick and Wendy took photos of all of the windows and submitted them to a window repair person who never followed up on presenting a bid.

Grant Requests: Rick said that the deadline for submitting a grant request to Idaho Heritage is Sept. 30 and intends on getting something ready though it doesn't have to be the windows. He added we could also ask for a small amount from the Humanities Council.

Bricks: We would like to get started on brick repairs on the house. We know we need to talk to Debbie since she has already done some leg work on this. There is a masonry expert in Pocatello that Idaho Heritage Trust uses and that might be a good way to go for an estimate. Kathy will follow up with Debbie.

Cellar Work: Bob said that he hasn't done any more work on the cellar regarding a facing for the pond liner and will continue to evaluate whether it's needed or not.

Outhouse: Issue tabled because Debbie wasn't in attendance and it was her baby.

Cellar grass: Wendy will keep trying to get some grass established. She will purchase a sprinkler to keep for that purpose and ask the Board for approval to be reimbursed through association funds.

Cellar fence: Rick will send on a photo of the fence protecting the cellar roof so we can try to be historically correct.

Map and Slide show: Following restoration, Rick had the map mounted on an aluminum backing and covered with protective plexiglass. It was displayed at the historical archives in Boise, the capitol building for an Idaho Heritage trust legislative day, and at the Boise Library. Rick put on an hour long slide show presentation on two different occasions and would like to do the same thing in this community. We agreed that the night before the reunion at the grange hall was a good idea. Wendy will check with Robbie Dial to reserve the room on August 7th at 7:00 pm. The Willard Arts Center might be a good venue in Idaho Falls. Rick also had bags made and a plywood carrier that fits on the back of a pickup.

The map was originally printed on six sections on cloth. One of those sections was woven in a different direction and shrunk differently than the other panels when wetted during restoration. It's a flaw but part of the story of the map. We all agreed with Kathy that Rick deserves a big thank you for this project. We still need some work to decide how to hang it at the big house.

Emma's Writings: Nothing here yet. The intent is to put it all together digitally and perhaps in a book. Rick will put the word out to family members to pull together family albums etc. Kathy agreed to help type.

Nels and Emma Portraits: Rick intends to acknowledge the portraits donated to the house by Wallace and Marlene in the next issue of the Presto Press.

Ancestry.com: Hal moved that we purchase a full-blown version of the site for the time being. It allows Kathy, Merle, Rick, and anyone else interested to access the whole database. Seconded and passed.

Digital projector: Rick asked for Board approval to purchase a projector. He will find out how much a good one will cost. He might pursue a mini grant.

By-Laws: Kent moved to approve the latest by-laws review. Seconded and passed.

Conflict of Interest: We need to be sensitive to the fact that some issues that arise might be considered a conflict of interest and certain members of the Board may need to excuse themselves from a vote if necessary. Kathy will prepare a statement and send it out for our approval.

Insurance: Hal suggested we secure a secretary bond which would cost \$100/yr. Wendy is bonded for another group and will see if perhaps we could add our association without a separate policy. Bob agreed to look into a policy that would provide liability, board member coverage, secretary bond, and perhaps damage insurance for Board consideration.

Reunion: Char and Jan Hill will continue as kid activities co-chairs. The idea of a hand cart trek was a good one but will be delayed from lack of interest this year. Their goals are to give kids a sense of their ancestors, to help them get to know each other better, and to share their different lifestyles. They want to be kept in the planning loop and welcome anyone to join them. Ideas talked about were a butter churn activity in the cellar, an old plug mare to ride, and brick making. Instead of giving tours we may have guides (docents) on hand to tell the story. We need to ask younger members to help with this. Rick will check with Debbie to see if she has ideas for Friday projects. We don't want any entertainment on Saturday as it's too

hard to visit. Christy and Sharon will do the picnic again. We want to do a flag raising before the picnic. Rick will get the word out to see if there might be some boy scouts or military types who could conduct. Schedule will be as follows: Set up starts 3:00 pm on Friday. Start Saturday at 10:00 am with a flag raising at 12:30 followed by lunch. Auction, both live and silent if needed depending on number of items starting at 2:00 and beginning with family introductions. (one person from each family designated to introduce their family members) Breakfast will be at 8:00 on Sunday morning with the annual meeting starting at 10:00. Rick is still looking for a used tent.

Exec. Director Honorary: Wendy made a motion to give our executive director annual membership privileges without charge. Seconded and passed.

Billing: Wendy agreed to send out a billing to those who haven't paid this year.

Next Meeting will be in June on a Saturday.

We adjourned at 3:08 pm

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