

Presto Preservation Association Annual Meeting

August 13, 2017

Reunion, Megan Davis home, Presto, Idaho

Minutes – The Minutes of the last meeting were approved except for striking the “scholarship” section. Seconded and passed.

New/Retiring Board Members – Merle Clark was thanked for her service as she leaves the Board but will continue her involvement especially on ancestry.com. We welcomed Emma Just, Charlie Just and Morgan Rawson to the Board. Morgan was absent.

Next Issue of Press - The Press will feature Presto Burrell and mention Doug Reid’s estate contribution.

Donor Recognition – Merle and Debbie will continue to work on how to recognize donors.

Window Restoration - At the reunion, the Charlie Just Family, the Vin Reid Family, the Fred Reid family and the Chick Just family agreed to restore one window each of the house. We think a small plaque recognizing the donation affixed to the frame is a good idea. Debbie said that Bruce Bates hasn’t called back with an estimate. She was asked to give him another try and then contact Kevin Carpenter.

Financial – Wendy gave an estimate of \$23,000 in the house restoration account and \$12,000 in the general account. She said that auction proceeds are down but that membership dues are coming in fine and house donations are doing well. We will wait to make a decision on opening an interest bearing account until we receive a larger expected donation.

Auction – We agreed that we need more food items and handcrafts. We could also make up prints from original artwork, perhaps work of Mabel Hutchinson or Alma Reid. Ginger Reid vowed to make her mother Gwen’s famous caramels for next year’s auction!

Idaho Heritage Conference – We had a pending motion concerning paying for Board members to attend this conference in Boise in September. Rick, Debbie and Betsy would like to go. Seth made a motion to cover any fees and expenses for any board member that would like to go and pay for it out of the general account. Motion seconded and passed.

Charitable Giving – Debbie wants members to have the ability to fund a certain expense that is paid for by the Association and then receive a tax deduction for it. These funds would need to be run through the Association. It was agreed.

Donation Box - Cindy Telford was thanked for making a nice wooden plaque to display the new donation box. (It was a success as we collected \$220 for house restoration)

Organ Preservation – Jeff Hansen will take the organ after September first and clean it at his shop. There was discussion as to whether we should put new coverings on the foot pedals or leave them alone to show the wear over time. Joel made a motion to leave the pedals as is. Motion seconded and passed by majority vote. He suggests slip covers as an idea to use if the organ is used more in the future. Kathy will ask Hansen about oiling the wood on the pedals.

Reunion – Jim and Betsy Just were thanked for hosting this year. We need to get people to mix better. Maybe we could give each person/couple a number and assign them to tables for this purpose. We need to make everyone feel welcome and be intentional about it.

Reunion 2018 - We agreed to ask Thora if she would host next summer on the occasion of her 90th birthday. If not her, then second choice would be Chuck. Debbie made a motion to hold the reunion on Saturday in Idaho Falls and have a community open house at the old house the afternoon of the Friday before – no breakfast on Sunday. Motion seconded and passed. Betsy will chair the open house with help from Debbie, Rick, Ginger, Becky, Bob and Charlotte. We like the idea of a walk/run in Idaho Falls or in the valley from the petroglyphs to the Mattson home (old Presto school house).

Fiscal Year – Debbie made a motion to create a fiscal year of August 1 - July 31. That way if members pay in the middle of the year, the money is for that year and dues are still collected in August. Motion seconded and passed.

Sesquicentennial 2020 – In 2020 it will be 150 years since Nels and Emma founded their home here. We should form a focus group to make this a special event. Maybe a presentation in each room of the house? Debbie will chair the group with help from Ginger, Becky and Rick. Debbie suggested moving the venue to the old house and yard.

Board Election – Bob made a motion to retain Kathy as President, Debbie as Vice President, Wendy as Secretary/Treasurer and Emma Just as Membership Chair. This new position will track membership dues and make sure Rick gets a current list for mailing of the Presto Press. Charlie said he would help Emma.

Idaho Historical Society Grants – This is an opportunity to get help with projects up to \$2,000 that are not “brick and mortar.” Rick would like to seek matching money to create interpretive panels for indoor/outdoor displays. He would like artistic help from Cindy Telford. It was agreed. Gerry will help.

Conflict of Interest – Our policy was conducted and approved.

Membership - Young people who have their own households should be encouraged to become members themselves. But if not, parents are encouraged to pay for their kids until they do it on their own.

Social Media – Seth and Megan agreed to set up an Instagram account which will be linked to our Facebook page.

House picket fence – tabled

Next Meeting – We agreed to meet as a board in October. Joel will set up “go to meeting” for those unable to join us in person.

House Inventory – The inventory is complete but not in-depth for now. Marlene has signed a list of items that she wants to reside in the house eventually. Becky will put the list in the safe at the house. Crillia’s old time pitter, which was donated to the auction by Ladene Conan and purchased by Roy Fuller, will be donated to house inventory.

Kent Just Memorial – A special thanks was given to Paul Reid for flying Kent’s ashes over the valley.

Display Boxes – Becky said the memorabilia display boxes are in the old house on the back porch.

Submitted by Wendy Pratt