*Presto Preservation Association*

Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes

February 15, 2020

Attendees: Kathy Christiansen, Becky Davis, Megan Arnold, Betsy Just, Debbie Reid-Oleson, Rick Just, Ginger Reid, Seth Pratt, Jared Reid, Roy Fuller (by telephone), Wendy Reid Pratt (by telephone), Ken Davis

The meeting began at the Just Homestead House, where the window-restoration project was reviewed.

The Directors meeting was called to order at 1:45 a.m. at the home of Ken and Becky Davis.

The minutes of the August 11, 2019, meeting were approved with the following correction: *Financial Report – General Account balance - ~~$1,378~~ $13,780*.

Financial Report:

* Wendy called in to provide the following account balances: House-Restoration Account - $24,105; General Account - $15,980.
* A motion was made and approved to purchase a *Silent Paint Remover* at a cost of approximately $500 for use during the window-restoration project. Ken Davis will pay one-half of the cost of the *Remover* and retain it for his personal use at the end of the project.
* Kathy will send an invoice to Joel Just for the “Charlie Just”-sponsored window. After the brick-restoration project is completed, Martin Phillips will seal the window at no cost to the *Association*.
* Debbie and Wendy reported approximate profit from Debbie’s caramel sales at $500, which has been donated to the House Restoration Account by Debbie.
* Ginger will follow-up to ascertain the status of the Douglass Reid Estate.
* Janet Hill conducted an audit of financial records for the past Fiscal Year (August 2018 through July 2019) and found all records in order.
* Rick presented a check from *Fred Meyer* for $6.52 for their rewards program.

Morrisite Presentations: Rick will present the program to the *OSHER Lifelong Learning Institute* during April, 2020.

Presto Press: Rick announced that the next edition will be a family “photo” issue, including past reunion photos. Rick will send out a request for photos to the *Association* membership. Kathy proposed that Crillia Eudora Just be featured in the Fall issue of the *Presto Press*; Rick and Kathy will follow-up. Seth inquired about the *packaging/shipping* costs for the Press; Rick provided cost information for printing and shipping.

*Ancestory.com*: Kathy reviewed “Lockyer” ancestors who have recently been added to the Just-Reid Family Tree.

Membership Committee: Tabled until next meeting.

*Guiding Statements (Mission, Vision, Values and Goals*): The *Statements* include development of a Fund-Raising Plan. Ginger will follow-up with Seth and Charlie Just to begin the process of developing a Plan.

Fund-Raising:

* Betsy reported a profit of approximately $500 from sales of Just-Reid dish towels. A motion was made and approved to authorize $500 for Betsy to purchase 50 additional dish towels.
* Discussion ensued regarding the “caramel” project that was coordinated by Debbie, and it was agreed that a sign-up sheet will be available at the reunion in August for those who wish to purchase caramels for the Holidays.
* Discussion ensued regarding Artist Brent Cotton’s paintings. Brent Cotton has granted permission to Ginger to make print copies of his Just Homestead House painting. Ginger will obtain information regarding print sizes and costs, and Rick will include the information in the next edition of the Presto Press to seek pre-orders. Seth will contact Brent to inquire about donation of his more recent paintings.

Sesquicentennial 2020: Rick and Debbie provided a status report on planning for the two-day event, which will coincide with the 2020 Just-Reid Reunion. Debbie and Merle Clark are working on options for “family tree” identification badges. Joel Just has volunteered to provide lanyards for the badges; Kathy will contact Joel to ascertain the size of his lanyards and notify Debbie.

National Register of Historic Places: Rick has submitted an application to request that the Just Homestead House be placed on the Register.

*Just-Reid for Home Cooking* Cookbook: Roy has converted the 1st Edition of the Cookbook to a usable format for re-printing. He presented his findings on printing costs. Discussion ensued regarding paper weight and costs. Joel Just has volunteered to provide binding for the cookbooks. Rick and Roy will follow-up. Printing of a 2nd Edition has been tabled.

Bingham County Historical Society (BCHS):

* Rick announced that Kim Stephens is volunteering at the BCHS and will be a great asset for digitizing family documents and photos.
* Rick requested assistance in transcribing letters from Nels and Emma Just; Becky agreed to assist.
* Rick shared a poem by Clarice Just Mattson, titled “Glen Taylor on TV,” that was written at 2 o’clock in the Morning on November 2, 1954.
* Becky reported on the meeting that she and Wendy attended at the BCHS on April 9, 2019, and announced that the BCHS is a great resource for anyone who is interested in Bingham County history.
* Rick and Kathy will continue to follow-up with the BCHS to have family photographs and documents digitized and available on-line.

FFA Scholarship – J. Kent Just: Rick announced that the Twin Falls Rotary Club has established an FFA Scholarship in memory of J. Kent Just.

*Idaho Heritage Trust* Tour (September 14, 2019): Directors agreed that the Tour was a great opportunity to showcase the house and thank trustees for their support of our house-restoration projects.

NELS AND EMMA JUST HOUSE RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION:

1. Fred Walters of the *Idaho Heritage Trust* has recommended that run-off from the porch roof be evaluated this Spring to determine whether installation of a rain gutter is needed; Becky will monitor the run-off.
2. Rick previously proposed some type of netting option to prevent woodpeckers from re-damaging the porch bricks and mortar; in the meantime, he has provided colorful hanging spirals in an attempt to discourage woodpeckers.
3. A contract has been approved for *Abstract Masonry Restoration* to begin brick/mortar restoration in late April or early May, 2020.
4. Casey Sullivan of *Abstract Masonry Restoration* has requested an additional 2-3 gallons of the Burns Mason Sand for mortar testing. Betsy obtained the Sand, which will be delivered to Casey by Becky and Ginger on February 28, 2020.
5. Brick excavation/salvage from the Stevens house on Riverton Road has been completed; the bricks will be used on the Just House during the brick/mortar restoration project.
6. Story of Masonry: Tabled.
7. The *Association* has been awarded a $5,000 grant from the *Idaho Heritage Trust* for Phase IV of brick-and-mortar restoration. Submission of another grant request by September 30, 2020, will be reviewed at the Annual Membership Meeting.
8. Window-Restoration: After re-evaluation of the project, it was determined that:

* Ken Davis will restore the Fred Reid-sponsored window (South Living Room). Seth recommended that Ken contact Peter Golinveaux if technical assistance is needed.
* The current size and configuration of the Chick Just-sponsored window (South Upper Level) will remain the same; the window will be restored. Before brick-and-mortar restoration begins, Becky will ask Ken to remove the exterior wooden trim to ascertain whether brick/mortar repair will be required.
* The Elsie Johnson-sponsored window on the West (South Dining Room) wall will be replaced. Kathy will contact Johnson Brothers to request fabrication of the new window, including a storm window, with installation scheduled after masonry restoration is completed. She will also request that the new window abut to the existing window sill.
* Restoration or removal of the Dormer window will be evaluated when the roof requires replacement.
* All window headers appear to be in good condition.
* The North and South Kitchen/Dining Room windows will not be restored nor replaced.
* All other windows in the house will be scheduled for restoration by *Association* members.
* Installation of “Family Sponsor” Plaques: Tabled.

1. Relocation of Log Barn: Discussion ensued regarding the site for relocation of the barn. It was generally agreed that it should be relocated near to where it was originally located.
2. House Inventory: Becky and Betsy provided house inventory documents and photos to Rick, who will store the information on a Google Drive.
3. Permanent Outhouse: Tabled.
4. Windmill Blades: Jared needs to know whether the original blades were metal or wooden. Since the support structure is metal, it was agreed that new blades should be metal; Jared will follow-up.

JUST-REID REUNION (2020):

* + - 1. The Reunion will be held on August 8 and 9, 2020, at the Just Homestead.
      2. Reunion Chairpersons will be Rick, Debbie, Ginger, and Becky.
      3. Kittie Peterson will be asked to provide pulled-pork sandwiches and potatoes for the Saturday noon meal; Becky and Megan will follow-up with Kittie. The 2019 catering charge by Kittie’s Kitchen was $300, which has been paid.
      4. Sunday Breakfast will be coordinated by Becky, Ginger, and Rich and Charlotte Reid. Becky will contact Leo Wallace to invite him to cook at the Breakfast.
      5. Betsy reported that more raffle baskets for adults are needed; Rick will announce in the next edition of the *Presto Press*. Betsy and Debbie will coordinate the Basket Raffle. A live auction will not be held this year. Rick will coordinate the Silent Auction.
      6. Mabel Hutchinson Prints: Tabled.
      7. A “Feature Family” will not be showcased at the 2020 Reunion.
      8. Betsy will provide games for the Reunion.

Annual Review of *Association By-Laws*: The *By-Laws* were approved with the following change: The review schedule will be changed from *Annual* to *Triennial* (every three years).

Lincoln Day: Rick addressed the State Legislature on Lincoln Day and reviewed a listing of bills that were sponsored by James Just when he served as a State Legislator.

Meeting: The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on June 27, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.; location to be announced.

Submitted by,

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President