**Presto Preservation Association Board Meeting**

**February 24, 2018**

**Home of Kathy Christiansen, Blackfoot, Idaho**

**Attendance –** Morgan Rawson, Becky Davis, Seth Pratt, Wendy Pratt, Kathy Christiansen, Betsy Just, Debbie Reid-Oleson, Rick Just and Charlie Just in person and Emma Just and Joel Just by phone.

**Minutes – T**he Minutes of the meeting held 10/28/17 were approved.

**Financial** – Wendy said our general account balance was $13,519.60 and the House Restoration account balance was $23,510.72. We have received a $500 donation from Casey Just and paid $450 for the organ preservation and received a couple of dues payments since our last meeting. Nothing new on converting these accounts to interest bearing. Nothing new on the Doug Reid estate.

**Morrisite Presentations –** Rick is going to do this as part of community education in Boise.

**Presto Press –** Next issue on Ina Clair. Kathy will follow up with her relatives for stories.

**Ancestry.com –** We decided to do a temporary upgrade which allows access to newspapers and military records. It costs about $50/yr. We will revisit this decision in June.

**Membership –**  Rick will get Emma and Charlie sign-on access to paypal so they can see who pays dues. He will also add Emma’s address to the website for mailing in dues.

**Fund Raising/Donor Recognition –** Debbie and Merle Clark had been working on ideas to recognize donors. Their job was merged with Morgan’s who has agreed to chair fundraising. Morgan said that part of a good fund raising effort is a good database of members. She had ideas including engraving bricks with the names of donors which could be used to build a structure or a path i.e. to the cellar. Other ideas might be to create a time capsule with donors to be opened in 100 yrs. and having our mason create bricks to purchase to take home. Debbie will talk w/Doug the mason about this. We agree that donor recognitions should be subtle and not take away from the pioneer feel of the home. Ideas include “pathway to restoration” and “rebuild our legacy brick by brick.” We decided to revisit this idea at our next meeting and decide on ONE great idea to implement.

**Social Media –** Seth agreed to talk to Megan Davis and plan on posting one photo per month on our Instagram acct. We can link to our facebook page, the website or other members’ sites. Rick said they could use photos from our photo bucket on-line.

**Mission/vision/goals –** Kathy, Debbie and Betsy were thanked for their work on a draft statement. Wendy offered a few written additions. Seth said that we should consider putting the vision in present tense and moving action items to our goal section. We could also add a values section. Kathy will rework what we have and send to Seth for his thoughts.

**Financial Accounting – House/General –** Debbie made a motion to putthe donation made by Casey Just into the house restoration account. This motion was seconded but failed. Following further discussion, Joel Just made a motion to put all donations, unless specifically designated for a particular purpose, into the general fund, then at the end of each fiscal year the Board can decide how much to transfer in to the house restoration account. This motion was seconded and passed. If needed we can also make transfers with board approval at any time.

**House Restoration –** The ten year plan as prepared by Debbie was approved with additions that the dormer window will be evaluated for removal when the roof is scheduled for replacement in 2021 and that we will evaluate the interior wall on the west side of the house this summer 2018.

*Bricks* **–** We have the grant in place and will begin work on the east side of the house this spring. We do not have to restore the windows first on this side of the house because they are in good condition. Concerning sealants, Rick will contact Fred Walters to get his advice.

*Lawn –*Debbie thinks that by sprinkling the lawn we are inadvertently eroding the bricks by water moving through the concrete porch into the bricks. It was agreed that we won’t water it this year. It might kill the billbug also. We may need to revisit this in the future.

*Organ –* Becky was instructed to copy the certificate of manufacture and frame it, and to put the original back in the body of the organ. Betsy would like a statement on the copy telling us the date of manufacture (1896).

*Windows* **–** A tour in Idaho Falls of historical windows by Johnson Brothers was canceled. Debbie will see if we can reschedule for March 9. John said he could fix and seal the dormer window.

**Tours/Interpretative Signage –** Betsy would like to expand upon the existing tour information perhaps with a pamphlet and/or signs. It was reported that Rick, Gerry Becker, Cindy Telford and Debbie met at Gerry’s this morning and worked on ideas for just such an endeavor. Betsy was added to this committee.

**Bingham County Historical Society –** Kathy will pay our sustaining membership of $125 and take in *Along the Rivers* and *The Silent One* by Alma Reid and the *Just/Reid Cookbook*. Rick will get Kathy a *Lost Letters* book and work with Wendy on a complete set of the *Presto Press.* We’ll wait until the historical society gets their on-site scanner before we take any photos to them.

**Reunion/Open House 2018 –** Morgan and Charlie are going to host a walk/run starting at 8:00 am on Saturday. They plan on a tour including the petroglyphs, the Jim Just and descendants’ homesteads, etc. This may include a fund raising element in the future. We decided to have the annual meeting at the Just house at 10:00 am on Sunday (no breakfast) followed by an open house by invitation from 2:00 – 4:00. We agreed to rope off the attic and Emma’s bedroom for now. We’ll plan on leftovers from the reunion for those attending the meeting and refreshments at the open house later.

**Sesquicentennial 2020 –**  In 2020 it will be 150 years since Nels and Emma founded their home. Debbie is the chair of a celebration of the event and will put together a meeting of her committee of Ginger Reid, Rick Just and Becky Davis tentatively the morning of our next board meeting.

**Cookbook –**  Rick said that the printing software was out of date. Seth will see if he can help. We need more printed.

**By-laws –** Debbie made a motion to approve the by-laws which had been updated to change our fiscal year. Motion seconded and passed.

**Meeting -** The next Board meeting will be held on June 30, 2018.

Submitted by Wendy Pratt