

JERICO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

BOARD MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 8, 2024

Members present: Ann Squires, Sue Richardson, Keiko Williams, Shelly Dionne, Betty Koshinsky. Absent: Stacie Griffiths. Guest present: Nancy Spier.

Agenda: as presented by Keiko Williams. Meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM.

Community Comments: None reported

Officers Reports:

Vice President: Sue Richardson

1. Tax Update: Tax bill is approximately \$5200. Forgiveness will likely not be sought from the Selectboard until September so an informational meeting on the proposed restoration plan with key players can be held in advance. The plan proposal will serve as a justification for seeking forgiveness for the first tax installment. The cost of the Mill House renovation will also be factored in. The Town needs to learn more about what process may be necessary before longer-term forgiveness can be initiated.
2. Mill Restoration Status: Bob Neeld, engineer recommended by Preservation Trust, and Eliot spent a couple of hours in the cellar on July 18. Bob is currently working on the restoration proposal, which should be done in the next two to three weeks. The information exchange meeting participants will be Jackson, as the leader, Bob, Eliot, Sue, Ann, Catherine, Paula and possibly ECI. At the request of Keiko and Shelly, Sue is going to check with Jackson to see if others may attend as non-participants.

Recording Secretary: Betty Koshinsky

Minutes are due to be finalized, first need to be voted approved. Betty will send Board Minutes by email: meetings of January, April, June, and July.

Corresponding Secretary: Keiko Williams

1. Newsletter – Keiko received one update. She is seeking news or accomplishments since the February newsletter. Sue will send some by tomorrow.
2. JHS Logo -- Keiko showed the historic JHS logo drawn by Ruth Moore Williams, Blair's sister-in-law and an art teacher in Jericho. She will use it as a basis for drafting a logo for current use.

Treasurer Report: None – Management reporting on financials YTD through July 31 is expected this month.

President's Report: None

Craft Shop Report: Sue Richardson. Craft shop income for July

JULY 2023 \$12,975.23 | JULY 2024 \$14,426.30

+ \$ 1,451.07 = 11.18% OVER 2023

YEAR TO DATE: 2023 \$48,226.71 | 2024 \$61,942.68

+ \$13,715.97 = 28.44% AHEAD OF 2023

Sue responded to a question from Nancy: sales reporting does not track income vs. expenses – that is provided in quarterly reports (Q3 reporting ends 9-30-24).

Sales for August are strong - the first week of August brought in \$5,833, on track to exceed growth projection of 5%.

Committee Reports

Collections – Keiko Williams

Purchases by Keiko at HP through Tech Soup have been delayed for going on three weeks, due to a technical problem on HP’s platform. She has been working with the Tech Soup-dedicated support person at HP to resolve the issue.

Old Business:

1. Events - September 15th Tammy Davis will be doing her program at the Community Center rather than at the library because they no longer do programs on Sundays. The event date is Sunday, the 15th of September. Sue will provide a flyer for posting. Sue is doing a Bentley presentation at Johnson Historical Society. She’ll send Keiko the details to post.
2. Garden & Interpretive Sign – update by Nancy Spier

Nancy presented an update on the proposed layout and text informational content for the outdoor interpretive sign. The sign will be installed as part of the garden redevelopment. She asks that the Board votes on approval of the design before final authorization goes to the printer. Motion to approve changes to format and add QR code. by Shelly, second by Keiko. Motion passed unanimously.

Summary: Background / format changes will be made – the project is cleared for production. Nancy will create a QR code for viewers to download to smartphones. Great Big Graphics will fabricate the sign. Nancy, Keiko, and Shelly will pick up the sign from the production site in Morrisville. Installation on site will be done by Nancy’s brother - date is TBD. Dig Safe will be consulted.

The project received enthusiastic approval from the Board after Nancy's vision for the design was presented at the July meeting. An unveiling event was discussed, with guests invited. Event planning will be on the agenda at September's meeting.

New Business: Electrical installation at the Mill House will be completed by Mike Dionne sometime next week. Sue needs to discuss lighting needs in the Mill and will contact Mike directly.

Next meeting is Thursday, September 12th.

Motion to adjourn by Sue Richardson - second by Keiko Williams. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Koshinsky

Recording Secretary