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VICE PRESIDENT

In December 2016 Pam Johnson submitted her resignation as Vice President to the President and the Board of Directors. Pam had served three very productive years as President but somewhat reluctantly agreed to serve as Vice President for a year.

The President asked a member of the Nomination Committee to look for a replacement. Lloyd Davis was contacted and agreed to serve the rest of Pam's term.

At the February Board Meeting President Jake Sherman nominated Lloyd to serve as Vice President. The Board approved the nomination.

WEB COMMITTEE REPORT

Abstracts for 29 Society Quarterlies have been completed by College of St. Joseph students and placed online. Castleton University history students have also been contributors of these abstracts. These contributions have helped to enhance the usability of this section of the website.

Work on enhancing some file groups in the historical texts section with descriptions is on-going. In the Church Records section a brief introductory description has been added and files have been organized chronologically with date ranges attached. This should make use of these records more targeted.

The Quadrennial Appraisal of the Real Estate of the City of Rutland 1951 – 1954 has been scanned and uploaded to the Historical Texts page.

OUTREACH

President Jake Sherman and Curator Jim Davidson were invited to participate in a Rutland High School freshman multi-disciplinary program focusing on selected Rutland buildings, some historical and some not.

On one occasion students did phone call interviews with both Jake and Jim. Later Jake and Jim went to the high school to provide information and guidance to members of the freshman class.

The program has had wonderful benefits for the Society as well as the students as it has brought the students to the Society outside of regular school hours.

One building on the research list was the Nickwackett Fire Station, now the home of the Society. One student came to the Society asking if we knew where the brick was acquired for the building. Looking at an old map of that decade, we could see the Mussey Brickyard off Allen Street that seemed to be the most likely source.

Another student came to the Society with her older sister and a classmate. We were able to walk them through the use of the city directories to determine previous uses of a building.

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YOUR 2017
DUES!**