

Historic Memorial Hall Board Minutes
September 24, 2012
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Board Members Attending: Carlotta Gladding, Doris Horton, Alan Greenspan, Alice Greenspan

Board Members Absent: Jeanne MacDougall, Scott Murphy

Guests: Dale Doucette, Andy Haughty

Events: Magic Feet Sept. 29 perhaps needs a keyboard which we will borrow from Sue Madden at the High School. If a spotlight is needed, we will borrow one from Carrie Blake at Whitingham. Bobby Edwards will provide the cordless mike. Alan will confirm needs with the performer and make arrangements to pick up.

Circus Minimus Oct. 6 needs a ladder and a table.

Doris will have concessions for sale at all events.

Quilt Show Oct. 20: Doris, Carlotta and Sue Wurtzberger have had weekly meetings at The Norton House. Still need to locate quilt racks to display the quilts. Harriet Maynard is providing some quilts from the Historical Society.

Carlotta mentioned the importance of capturing names, addresses, emails and phone numbers of attendees to create a friends' list both for volunteers and also for future fund raising. Alice suggested buying a guest book.

Building Priorities: Dale mentioned that we need to finish the essential lighting upgrades; priority is buying a dimmer. Alan made a motion to authorize Dale to spend up to \$1700 to buy a dimmer. Doris seconded. Motion carried. Dale is in contact with some possible donor sources for the other remaining lighting needs. Next on the priority list is to install air conditioning and to improve the heating. We have asked Scott to obtain estimates from HVAC contractors so we know how much money we will need to request in any grant applications and for fund raising purposes. It is important to insulate the floor first. Scott will be attending the Oct. 1 meeting where we will do a walk through of the building with him to point out our concerns. We should go before the voters on Town Meeting Day to present line item building improvements. Carlotta mentioned that suggestion was given at the Preservation Trust of Vermont retreat she attended that we contact all verans' groups for some funding as MH is the town's war memorial. Because of lack of storage, and climate control, acquiring a piano was eliminated from our wish list. Instead a professional keyboard would be welcomed. Also, we will try to cultivate interest in some students who might want to learn sound/lighting production.

Wings Program: Andy Haughty would like to see a collaborative partnership between the schools, school boards and Memorial Hall to use the Hall as a place to grow and support the 6 week after school sessions which run from 3-4:30 and perhaps carry over to a summer program. He is proposing investing in a permanent truss rigging for the hall which would be used for acrobatic training/performances and also a place to hang stage lights. Dale supported the multiple uses of the structure. Providing a gymnastics/

acrobatic program would give opportunities for kids to train, produce and perform. This is a highly sought after program and would involve families from a widespread area. Andy will write up a proposal for consideration as to how this might be funded. This will be discussed at a future HMH board meeting.

There being no further business, Alan made a motion to adjourn, Doris seconded; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carlotta Gladding
Secretary

Next meeting: October 1 at 3pm. at Historic Memorial Hall

Possible Agenda Items:

Walk through of building with Scott
Report of meeting with Bob Stevens re ADA renovations
Financial report - Scott
HVAC estimates - Scott
Feedback from wkend event
Quilt Show Update- Carlotta
Fund Raising suggestions
Social Media Update - Carlotta
Wish List