

Memorial Hall Board Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2013
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Present: Fran Alfieri, Carlotta Gladding (on speakerphone) Alan Greenspan, Alice Greenspan, Jeanne MacDougall, Scott Murphy
Absent: Robin Howe
Guest: Carole deBarba representing the Friends of Pettee Memorial Library

Jeanne called the meeting to order at 3:05. Alice made a motion to accept the Feb. 25 minutes; Fran seconded. Motion carried.

Officers for this next year were elected:

Chair Jeanne MacDougall

Vice-Chair Alice Greenspan

Secretary Carlotta Gladding

Meetings will continue to be held at 3pm, the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month, especially since Scott is a member of the committee and his presence is essential.

Irish Celebration:

Joe from the Matterhorn is providing the corned beef and some of the other food and supplies will be purchased at Shaw's with folks from the library contributing some cheese and desserts. Carol will clarify with Helena who will be introducing the speaker. The Valley News hopefully will be running a feature article in this week's paper. Ten girls will be performing from the McFadden School of Dance and they will need to use the basement to change into their costumes. The basement area needs to be cleaned and the main floor as well. Jim Burke will be securing the marley floor with tape. There is a chunk missing on the top step on the back stage stairs which needs to be fixed.

RFP's

Scott reported that the lowest bid for both the bathroom and ramp was \$95,000 which exceeded our architectural design estimates. The majority of the expense was for the curved concrete graded walkway entrance. Scott has asked the two lowest bidders to separate out their costs for the bathroom so we can move forward right away with the bathroom reno. Scott will ask Bob Stevens to modify the design of the ramp once he sees the breakdown of the costs outlined in the bids. Alice asked Scott whether those who were bidding had experience working with an historic old building.

Energy Audit:

Jeanne suggested to Scott that perhaps Chuck Clerici could attend one of our meetings to provide input how to proceed with the long list of energy related long-term repairs needed in the hall. Scott said that Chuck might be able to present some ideas and concerns at the next Selectboard meeting, April 3 and then talk with us at a subsequent meeting. Our board is concerned how to maximize the energy efficiency in our old building and what to tackle first since all the repairs needed are intertwined. Replacing the furnace is an additional priority.

Fundraising:

We have \$118,000 in the capital fund but the question remains how much of it should be used for the ADA projects and if we don't use it, will we lose it and what will the Selectboard approve? Fran suggested that we create a timeline for the next five years of repairs and prioritize the list. As a fundraiser we could create a buy a piece of Memorial Hall campaign, similar to how the pavers were installed at River Bank Park. Such a fundraiser could help subsidize many of the needed improvements in the hall and donors would be acknowledged. We should remind people that the building is a war memorial and perhaps we could have donations be made to honor anyone who has ever served in the armed forces. These were just a few ideas discussed. Jeanne will follow up with the directors of the anticipated Friends group to see if they have approved the bylaws so we can move the process along to get a non profit status hopefully by May 1.

Alice will pursue discussion with the Wilmington Fund to see how the group might be able to help us defray some of the costs to repair the hall which is the lynchpin of our town especially now that we need to buy a new furnace since it was repaired not replaced after the flood.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:10.

The next meeting will be March 25 at 3pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carlotta Gladding
Secretary