

NORTH SCHOOL PRESERVATION SOCIETY

Annual Meeting

December 7, 2021 @ 6 PM

(in the warming hut)

MEETING MINUTES

Attendance: Richard Willard, Ginny Ricker, Francine Provost, Dave Hall, Margery Burbank, Jo Robbins, Chip Woods, Lara Houghton-Robinson

The meeting was called to order by Richard Willard at 6 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Richard thanked the members and supporters for their year of service and accomplishments, highlighting in particular the flagpole dedication; work to secure the roof of the building; repair of the windows (thanks to Dave, Mo, George Keeler); trail and grounds cleanup; tag sales conducted by members and others; and bookings of events including a wedding and a class reunion on the property. He also praised the members for their work in organizing the rooms and merchandise in the building; in particular he thanked Susan Jewell for her work in organizing the book room. He thanked donors for the abundant donations and praised those who maintain and enhance the North School blog. Lara Houghton-Robinson was welcomed back after an absence due to a serious illness. Richard noted with regrets the loss of member George Keeler, who retired and moved to North Carolina.

He also expressed deep regrets with the passing in 2021 of members Marion Harlow and Bill Bushaw and volunteer Regi Ward. A proposal was made to establish a memorial fund for donations in their memory to be dedicated to the building repairs. Ginny will research establishing allocation of funds for these specific purposes.

November Minutes

Minutes of the November meeting were motioned and approved.

November Treasurer's Report

Ginny presented the report for November, which was distributed to members. The treasury stands at \$17,831.34 after donations and proceeds minus current expenses which included payment of the annual insurance invoice. The report will stand for audit.

Annual Treasure's Report

Ginny distributed the annual treasurer's report to members. Total year income (to December 1) was \$10,866.10, including donations, yard sales, ebay sales, memberships and rentals. Total expenses (to Dec. 1) were \$11,900.46, including costs for repairing the building roof membrane and ongoing expenses for building maintenance, operation costs, insurance and miscellaneous expenses. Ginny noted that membership income and additional donations incoming in December are yet to be tabulated and will appear in the December treasurer's report. The treasury stands at \$17,786.60 (to Dec. 1). The report will stand until audited.

Membership Report

Ginny reported that the annual membership mailing has been sent to both current members and former subscribers. Current paid membership is estimated to be 20 individuals.

Suggested Projects in 2022

Richard emphasized the following projects critical for the coming year:

Roof repair: While the roof membrane was critical and was repaired in 2021, repair the slate portion of the roof remains critical. Previous estimates from contractors range from \$8K to \$10K.

Front and rear entrances: Christy and Mo advised us that the front entry is in critical need of repair. Previous estimates for reconstruction of the front entry were approximately \$11K. Dave has inspected the front and rear entries and noted that they are structurally sound for now, but repairs will be needed.

Windows: Dave proposes to paint the windows in 2022; he has recently completed repairing the two windows remaining to be repaired.

Election of Officers

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously accepted for two-year terms of as follows:

President – Richard Willard

Vice President -- Francine Provost

Treasurer – Ginny Ricker

Secretary – Lara Houghton-Robinson

Trustees – Margery Burbank, Jo Robbins, Dave Hall; Trustee emeritus Chip Woods.

Ginny will register this in the biannual filing with the State of Vermont in 2022.

Miscellaneous Business

Ginny notified us that our organization received a letter from the Town of Springfield Planning and Zoning administration that there are recommended changes to street names in Springfield and North Springfield, including the name of Main Street in North Springfield, at which the North School building and recreation park are located. A Zoom meeting is scheduled for Jan. 5, 2022, at which we are invited to participate and comment.

Dave reported that he was notified by a police officer that the rear door to the hut was left open after a recent event there. It was recommended that, in addition to checking the doors, a plate be installed to prevent the door lock being picked. Dave was authorized to purchase plates for the front and back hut doors and install them.

Adjournment: The Annual Meeting being concluded, a motion was made and approved to adjourn the meeting at 7 p.m.

Next meeting Tuesday, March 1, 2022, 6:30 p.m. in the warming hut.