

**NORTH SCHOOL PRESERVATION SOCIETY  
MEETING MINUTES**

**April 5, 2022**  
*(in the warming hut)*

**Attendance:** Richard Willard, Ginny Ricker, Francine Provost, Dave Hall, Margery Burbank, Lara Houghton-Robinson, Chip and Lee Woods

The meeting was called to order by Richard Willard at 6:35 p.m.

**March Minutes**

Minutes of the March 2022 meeting were motioned and approved.

**Treasurer's Report**

Ginny presented the report for March 2022 which was distributed to members. There was one correction listing both a donation and membership from Donna Hall, which was instead from Deborah Hall. In March there was an increase of \$435.37 after expenses. The treasury stands at \$19,958.56 and will stand until audited.

**Old Business**

**Telephone**

Jo had provided estimates for phone and internet expenses which are being reviewed by members. The issue was tabled and will be revisited in future discussions.

**Dumpster**

Christy arranged for a large dumpster with lock and chain to be delivered for service beginning May 1.

**Building Repair**

**-- Slate Roof Repair**

Dave received an estimate for repair of the slate roof from Melanson Co. There was a preliminary discussion based on the estimate which was circulated among the members at the meeting. It is doubtful that the treasury can absorb the cost at this time, although Francine will distribute the estimate as an email attachment to the board members for further review. It is also hoped that, upon their return, Moe and Christy will advise the board, based on their prior experience with previous estimates. Ginny is also researching other roofing contractors.

**-- Other Repairs**

There was a discussion of, given our current manpower and treasury, things that can be done to preserve the building until funds can be raised for total professional restoration. Dave advised that feasible repairs may include repairs to the front at the base of the entrance pillars, painting trim where needed, interior projects to forestall wood rot under some windows and other places, installing railings on the front stairs where the stairs remain intact, fixing the bulkhead entrances, removing boarded basement windows to better ventilate the cellar and general troubleshooting throughout the building,

**-- Trail and Grounds**

Dave has begun to brushhog the perimeter of the grounds which have been encroaching on the playing fields. The trail is also in need of clearing and brushhogging. It was agreed that Richard will recruit some friends and help Dave complete these tasks on Saturday, April 30. Other helpers are welcome to join them.

## **Work Day**

There will be a work day on May 3 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to clean the office and museum rooms, with archives and files being moved upstairs to the museum room. The museum room will be cleared and reorganized to allow for displays in anticipation of the Old Home Day scheduled for October 8. During the work day members will also meet to review the security system camera and its operation. The regular monthly meeting will also take place on May 3 as scheduled at 6:30 p.m. in the hut.

## **Tag Sales**

The tag sales for the year are as follows: May 14, June 11, July 9, August 13, September 17, and Old Home Day (tentative) and tag sale October 8. The tag sales will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Each sale will be preceded by a setup day the Friday before from 2 to 4 p.m.

## **New Business**

### **-- Security Camera**

Members will gather during the May 3 work day to review the operation of the security camera.

### **-- Facebook Page Update**

Lara Houghton-Robinson volunteered to help update the North School FB page and assist with other online listings. Ginny and Lara will coordinate and Ginny will install Lara as an administrator to access the account.

## **Miscellaneous Business**

### **--Memorial Donation for George McNaughton**

A motion was made, seconded and approved for the North School Preservation Society to make a memorial donation in honor of George McNaughton to his sponsored charity, The Laura Cody McNaughton Memorial Fund. Ginny will separately send a condolence card from the NS members.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was motioned and approved for adjournment at 8:10 p.m.

*The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 3, at 6:30 p.m. in the warming hut.*