

**NORTH SCHOOL PRESERVATION SOCIETY
MEETING MINUTES
August 2, 2022**

Attendance: Richard Willard, Ginny Ricker, Francine Provost, Moe and Christy Gilchrist, Margery Burbank, Chip and Lee Woods

The meeting was called to order in the warming hut by Richard Willard at 6:25 p.m.

July Minutes

Minutes of the July 2022 meeting were motioned and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Ginny presented the report for July 2022 which was distributed to members. After income, which included proceeds from the July yard sale and donations, and expenses, the treasury stands at \$13,080.01 and will stand for audit.

Old Business

Building Repair

-- Roof repairs and window restorations have been completed. Referring to the architect report of 2018, Richard reviewed other building priorities. The consensus is that both front and rear entrances need to be overhauled, with the rear entrance a priority for traffic and use purposes. However, the treasury does not currently support this expense and this will have to be addressed in spring 2023, providing the budget permits. Meanwhile, Dave has begun scraping the front pillars in preparation for painting. He has also been restoring the school letters over the front entrance ("North Springfield Graded School"). Volunteers are encouraged to assist. Dave and Moe continue to address incidental maintenance and repair issues as needed.

Grounds Cleanup

-- The cleared portion of the upper field perimeter has been seeded and mulched. The remaining perimeter remains to be addressed when manpower and equipment is available to brushhog, pull stumps and clear and haul vegetation, possibly fall 2022 or spring 2023. Meanwhile, Dave has been mowing the areas on the property not mowed by the Recreation Department.

Richard has volunteered to donate clumps of Miscanthus grass and cedar shrubs for landscaping on the grounds.

Tag Sales

-- The next sale is August 13, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; setup on Friday, Aug. 12, 2-4 p.m. Moe will set up the signs on the prior Monday. As usual, tents and ground tarps will be set up on Friday. Richard will bring additional tables for DVDs and other media. Lee Woods will bring her own authored books to sell. Ginny is exploring media venues to publish notices of the sale.

-- Marketing specialty expensive items was discussed. It was decided that these items (such as the new sink and expensive faucet fixtures recently donated) must be

marketed online to maximize value. Facebook Marketplace, ebay and such venues will be utilized.

Recreation Department Coordination

Francine will begin compiling and distributing via email a list of services previously provided by the Recreation Department in maintaining the grounds of the park. Members will review and supplement the list as needed. This will become a working document for eventual discussions with Chris Merrill of the Recreation Department.

Miscellaneous Business

-- Richard was visited at the school on August 2 by a local State Trooper who was seeking information on a recent burglary that occurred at nearby Bibens hardware store. The trooper left a name and number to be contacted if anyone has information or if the North School security cameras can provide clues. Anyone may contact Richard if they have information.

-- Reunion with Dottie Garland

Richard showed the members a thank you card from Dottie for her reunion with friends, neighbors and North School members in June. We are encouraged to continue to correspond with Dottie.

Adjournment

There being no other business introduced, the meeting was motioned and approved for adjournment at 7:45 p.m.

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