

North School Preservation Society

Meeting Minutes, October 4, 2022

Attendance: Francine Provost, Ginny Ricker, Dave Hall, Erin Hoselton

Francine called the meeting to order at 6:25 p.m.

Treasurer's Report: Ginny distributed the report to the members. After income, including the September yard sale results, and expenses, the treasury stands at \$15,319.84 and will stand for audit.

Old Business

Building repair

Dave finished reinforcing and painting all the front pillars.

Dave inspected the interior walls on either side of the cellar stairs at the front entrance and discovered an infestation of carpenter ants. He applied a pesticide spray to allay further damage, but he recommends that a professional contractor be enlisted to restore the walls.

Dave discovered a broken rafter in the roof of the back porch. He covered it, but he recommends that professional contractors be enlisted to repair it.

Dave fixed the roof leaks in both bulkheads on either side of the building.

The basement stairs are unsupported and need to be reinforced. Dave will attend to this when time and help permit.

Grounds

Dave advised that there are fallen trees on the upper trail that need to be cut, possibly rendered for firewood.

End of season chores

Dave trimmed the shrubs around the hut and said that the apple trees above the upper field need to be pruned. He will mow the edges of the grounds after leaf fall is complete.

Francine will cut down the flower beds in the front and Dave will remove the cuttings when possible.

Tag sale Oct. 8

Dave put the signs out on Monday, Oct. 3. Due to a lack of manpower, the sale will be limited, with no tents. As usual, the \$1/bag items will be spread on a tarp on the rink, and baskets, furniture and other items, including the household linens and kitchenware, will be outside in their usual locations. Ginny will man the inside cashout with help from either Francine or Margery. For convenience, the setup for the sale will be Friday, Oct. 7 at noon, rather than the usual time of 2 p.m.

Ongoing sales off season

It was proposed that we do more online selling during the off season. Ginny and her sister sell some items for NS on ebay, and there is potential for online sales in other venues such as Facebook Marketplace. Erin volunteered to help Ginny with postings on Facebook Marketplace sites and possibly setting up a page for NSPS on that site.

New Business

Membership Mailing

Ginny will process the annual membership mailing in early November in anticipation of the Annual Meeting in December.

End-of-Season Tasks

Dave turned off the cellar fans and will close up the cellar. Building windows will be closed for the season. Unsold remaining fabric will be stored in plastic totes with laundry dryer sheets enclosed. The final dumpster pickup will be scheduled for either October or November, pending current needs and review of last year's schedule.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 1, 6:30 p.m. in the hut.