

North School Preservation Society
Meeting Minutes
June 6, 2023

Attendance: Francine Provost, Ginny Ricker, Richard Willard; Margery Burbank

Francine called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes

May meeting minutes were motioned and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Ginny distributed the latest treasurer's report to members. After income and expenses, which included income from the May yard sale, the treasury stands at \$23,488.94 and will stand for audit.

Old Business

-- Summer Grounds Maintenance

The Town has most recently mowed the park and grounds. NSPS will follow up with further conversations with the Town regarding continued grounds maintenance in lieu of maintenance by the Recreation Department.

-- New U.S. Flag for Flagpole

Richard was tasked with researching a replacement flag, whether a donated flag from a benevolent organization or a purchased flag. He will report back to NSPS.

-- Alumni Day Rental of the Park

Richard will attend the Alumni Day class reunion at the park on June 17 and will ensure that the hut and park are open and available and secured afterwards.

-- June Yard Sale

The sale will be Saturday, June 10, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Setup will be Friday, June 9, 2-4 p.m. Richard, Francine, Ginny and Margery will be available for setup and the sale. Keith Stern volunteered to be available on Friday, and Dave is expected to be available both days. Moe put the signs out early in the week. Cindy Tufts has volunteered to assist Ginny during

the sale. Andrea will not be available for physical work due to surgery on a broken wrist, but will be available to help supervise during the sale. Richard will bring specialty daylilies to sell from his collection.

-- School Building Proposal for Feasibility Study

After distilling various suggestions for the building, members agreed to propose an "Arts and Education Center" to possibly include the following elements:

A music recital hall

A thrift shop

A café

A "make factory" for individual artisans and food producers

A home school or private school venue

Francine will contact Bob Flint of the Springfield Regional Development Corp. to advance the proposal.

Miscellaneous Business

-- A Proposeal for forms to be submitted for NS volunteers was tabled in Dave's absence.

-- Items not accepted for donations to the North School

Ginny proposed to publish a list of items that are not acceptable for donations to the North School. The list was reviewed and approved by the members present and Ginny will post the list on the bulleting board and on the NS Facebook page. Members will also make the list available to potential donors when necessary.

-- Special permissions for individual use of the park

Occasionally when individuals request special permissions in the park, such as for metal detecting, picking flowers, etc., it was decided to grant such permission via either a written note or an email for verification.

The meeting was motioned, approved and adjourned at 7:43 p.m..

Next meeting: Wednesday, July 5, 6:30 p.m. in the hut. (Special note: the normal Tuesday night meeting was changed due to the 4th of July holiday.)