

North School Preservation Society
Meeting Minutes
July 5, 2023

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

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

Minutes

June meeting minutes were motioned and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Ginny distributed the latest treasurer's report to members. which included income from the June yard, memorial donations for Christy Gilchrist, and ordinary expenses. The treasury stands at \$25,638.78 and will stand for audit.

Old Business

- Summer grounds maintenance

The Town and Cemetery crew have continued to mow the park, which is thankfully appreciated by NSPS.

Dave Informed us that repairs to the vandalized stone wall in the driveway will be scheduled for the end of July.

Dave has continued to clear and remove brush from the perimeter of the playing fields.

A scheduled visit from Terminex regarding the front stairwall walls determined that termites are not the problem. Instead, deteriorating foundation issues are causing the stairwall walls to deteriorate. Wall repairs are pending foundation repairs.

- Flagpole

Richard has so far not been able to procure a donated flag. Members consequently approved the purchase of a new flag. Dave will buy one from Bibens hardware, if available.

- Alumni Day Recap

The Class of '66 reported a successful event despite the rain. Richard reported that the use of the grounds and hut went smoothly. He escorted

some members for tours of the building, and some yard sale items were purchased.

- Building Feasibility Study

As yet, the Springfield Development Corporation does not have an available agent to research the use of the building as an “Arts and Education Center.” Bob Flint continues to recommend a use for the building that would include rental housing. Renovation of the building continues to be a work in progress for NSPS.

- July Yard Sale

The July yard sale will be on Saturday, July 15, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Weather permitting, setup will be Friday, July 14, 2-4 p.m. Volunteers are needed for set up on Friday and also Saturday morning from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and Saturday afternoon from 2-3 p.m. Volunteers are also needed during the sale to assist with sales and customers.

Dave has procured a wagon for hauling merchandise, and he will set up the signs the Monday prior to the sale.

New Business

- Volunteer application forms

It was determined that special volunteer sign-up sheets are not required for NSPS activities.

- Building Projects for 2024

Looking ahead to forthcoming building projects, Dave recommended that the front and back entrances of the building continue to be a priority, as well as foundation issues. He has been notified of a current grant application for building projects and he will forward a copy of it to Ginny and Francine.

Miscellaneous Business

- Equipment donation

Dave reported that Mark Ostrum donated a mowing machine to NSPS for use on the grounds. Dave will supervise its use.

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The business concluded and a motion was made and approved to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the hut.