

**North School Preservation Society**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**August 1, 2023**

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

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

**Minutes**

July meeting minutes were motioned and approved with one correction: The machinery donation by Mark Ostrum was a snowblower, not a lawn mower.

**Treasurer's Report**

Ginny distributed the latest treasurer's report to members. The report will stand audit with one correction: A \$50 donation in memory of Christy Gilchrist was mistakenly listed as yard sale income. The correction will be made in the next report.

**Old Business**

Processing of merchandise

Members reported that incoming donations are being smoothly processed. Richard had reported that, in the future, donations to the Boys and Girls Clubs must be brought to their site and will no longer be picked up by them. Consequently, future leftover merchandise for them will be limited, and more leftover merchandise will be offered for free, recycled or put in the dumpster.

August yard sale

Members will follow usual procedures for setup both Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. and Saturday morning prior to the sale. The amount of merchandise being hauled out will be limited to whatever workforce is available. Some things will remain in storage.

Recruitment of volunteer help for yard sales

It was suggested that, as an incentive to potential volunteers, NS will offer options for free merchandise as compensation. Members will make this known to potential volunteers.

Building issues

Dave reported that he is upgrading the overhead lights in the warming hut and will continue to do so in the school building as materials and schedule permit. He suggests that overhead insulation be installed in the warming hut. Members approved and he will do so when materials and schedule permit.

He and Moe are installing shelving in the video room. Shelving donated from Sonax is being incorporated into the display rooms. Dave says there is a need for additional humidifiers in the basement and requests that members alert him to free working humidifiers. He is also installing a sump pump in the basement.

#### Park and grounds issues

Dave has finished removing brush, debris and stumps from the east perimeter of the upper fields. The town cemetery crew continues to mow and periodically weed whack the grounds.

The construction company hired to fix the vandalized stone wall has begun the work on schedule. This expense is being covered by insurance against the vandalism.

### **New Business**

#### Membership

Membership invitations are available at the desk during yard sales and online, as well as by word of mouth.

#### Website postings

David King suggested that meeting minutes be posted on the website and offered to do so. Members discussed and approved this. David will be asked to do so.

### **Miscellaneous Business**

Margery Burbank informed the members that she is processing almost a century of her mother's (Marion Harlow) scrapbooks. She plans to offer the archive to the Springfield Historical Society in the name of the North School Preservation Society. Members expressed appreciation for this.

The meeting was motioned and adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

*Next meeting: Tuesday, September 5, 2023, in the hut.*