

North School Preservation Society
Meeting Minutes
March 5, 2024

Attendance: Richard Willard, Francine Provost, Dave Hall, Ginny Ricker, Margery Burbank, Konstantin Tkachenko of AdvancedBWP.com, Barb and John Allen of Cakes Enterprises

President Richard Willard called the meeting to order at the newly established regular time of 6 p.m.

The minutes of the December 5, 2023, Annual Meeting were motioned and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Ginny distributed the treasurer's reports for December and January, and they will stand for audit.

Annual Budget 2024

Ginny distributed the projected budget for the forthcoming year. In addition to regular expenses as noted in previous years, the '24 budget must include additional costs. These are: much higher insurance costs; costs for maintenance of the warming hut (including heat, electric and possibly water); costs for year-round grounds maintenance (including mowing the fields and lawns and snowplowing). After including these costs (estimated and pending quotes from providers) and estimating income based on previous years, the budget will be in deficit by approximately \$3,000.

Due to recently noted requirements demanded in a letter to NSPS by the insurance company, the following repairs must be completed within 45 days: 1) rotting and missing siding on the front and right of the building must be fixed; 2) the deteriorating brick foundation and mortar on the front of the building must be repaired or replaced; 3) the broken concrete stairs at the front of the building must be addressed for concerns of safety.

These concerns were addressed by Konstantin Tkachenko, who had been invited to the meeting by Richard to give recommendations and possible solutions. He offered to send a contractor's letter to the insurance company stating what fixes can be made in the event he is hired to do the repairs. Konstantin also discussed his suggestions for the building which he had that day reviewed in person with Dave and Richard.

Other Business

Playground

The replacement parts for the playground have been delivered and paid for. Additional expenses for installation will be advised. Dave has offered to get some help and do the installation when the weather permits.

June Car Show

The date for the car show has been set for June 29, 2024. Richard has had a preliminary poster printed based on a draft designed by Ginny. Once additional information, including number and names of car clubs and others attending and possible vendors registering, a final poster will be printed and placed in appropriate venues. These details will also be included in timely paid advertisements in appropriate publications. Barb and John Allen of Cakes Enterprises agreed to set up their food truck during the car show. They will be offering freshly squeezed lemonade, in addition to their regular menu,

2024 Yard Sales

The following yard sale dates were tentatively scheduled:

May 11 or 18

June 8

Car Show – June 29

July 13

August 10

September 14

October 5

Holiday Sale – November 9

An additional sale for April was proposed. There was discussion about this, and members agreed that, because April is a critical time to prepare and organize merchandise for the season, an April sale is not advisable.

Miscellaneous Business

It was reported that Keith Stearn had asked members about a possible use of the school building for a produce market. Members suggested that the cellar, once made usable, might make an appropriate location. However, currently, the basement is in need of a separate entrance and upgraded amenities, including upgraded electricity. At present, the basement is not equipped for this purpose, but members agreed that if and when it is, the basement might be a good place for this rental purpose,

The business being concluded, a motion was made and approved to adjourn the meeting at 7'30 p.m.

Next meeting; Tuesday, April 2, 2024, 6 p.m. in the warming hut.