

North School Preservation Society
Meeting Minute
April 2, 2024

Attendance: Richard Willard, David Hall, Margery Burbank, Ginny Ricker

Richard Willard called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM.

Due to the lack of a quorum approval of the March Minutes was tabled until the May meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Ginny presented the treasurer's report for March and it will be filed and stand for audit

Old Business

Grounds:

Dave reported that the replacement of the posts is complete. However, the chips under the play ground equipment are in need of replacement.

He also reported that there are some downed branches in the upper playground that need to be removed and he will get to that as the weather allows.

Dave also reported that he received a quote for mowing the upper playground of \$175.00 per mowing. Possible cost to mow around the school could be around \$100.00.

Richard mentioned he has some trees he might donate to replace some of the ones near the skating rink.

Building:

The insurance company is requiring repairs to the front steps, rotting and missing siding on the front of the building and repair to the brick work on the front of the building. Dave has done some work on the step repair but more still needs to be done to complete that work. Dave said he could do some of the repairs to the lower siding but did not want to attempt the repairs of the higher part. A plan for the brickwork is still to be determined. Ginny asked for a timeline for finishing the repairs as we need to keep the insurance company apprised of our progress.

Car Show:

Richard provided an update on the car show planning. Springfield's Select Board has approved our event permit application. He has also been in touch with the police department about the possibility of traffic control at the traffic lights in the center of town and at the plaza intersection. This could also be done by the sheriff's department. The question was posed, would there be a charge for this service and that cost if any is to be determined. At this point Richard does not have an exact count of how many cars will be in attendance, but reported there would be 4 clubs attending. Ginny mentioned that once we get closer to the event, we should update our poster with more information about the show, such as a list of car clubs that attending and there will be a food vendor. Richard will continue with the planning and present another report at the next meeting.

Yard Sales:

We discussed the planning for the upcoming sales. Ginny noted that she and Andrea had worked in the building on the few warm days we had in March. Once the weather improves Andrea, Marge, Ginny and Francine will put in more time getting ready for the May sale. Dave mentioned that "Moe's" room needed to be organized as he had to move items around to put in the new shelving. It was confirmed that the May sale will be on the 11th, with the usual set up the Friday before. PS

Keith Sterns Vegetable Stand:

Keith had asked about the possibility of using the North School basement for his new venture. However, based on Facebook posts it appears he is exploring other options in buildings needing less work.

Membership:

We briefly discussed membership and what we need to do to attract new members. Ginny mentioned that we had not done a mailing to our current members in two years. The suggestion was made that we post on our Facebook page that we need new members and without more members it is becoming increasingly difficult to run the organization.

Fundraising:

Richard and Marge both mentioned that some of the local banks give out grants to local organizations and that we should look into them. Based on her work experience at Five Maples, Ginny said that successful fundraising takes time and a dedicated effort which is difficult to do with the small group that we have. Discussion on this topic is to be continued.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:35 PM

Next Meeting May 7th at 6:00 PM