

North School Preservation Society Meeting Minutes Annual Meeting, December 3, 2024

Attendance: President Richard Willard, Vice President Francine Provost, Treasurer Ginny Ricker and Trustee Dave Hall.

President Richard Willard opened the annual meeting at 2:15 p.m.

He welcomed attendees and reviewed the 2024 accomplishments of the Society, including the following:

- Repair of the playground, completed by Dave, as well as continuing removal of brush around the upper field.

- Rebuilding of the front concrete stairs, repair of bricks and mortar next to the front entrance (thanks to volunteer work by mason Shorty and Dave's oversight); and replacement of worn cedar shingles. All this work was completed by Dave Hall in response to insurance requirements for the 2024 NSPS policy.

- Seven successful yard sales, including an added sale in November.

- The first annual Car Show at North School Recreation Park in June.

- Plans for a community dog park at the North School Recreation Park, in conjunction with the Town of Springfield and the Springfield Lions Club.

- Repair of the plumbing and lavatories in the warming hut, as well as winterizing the warming hut, with a water shutoff system installed by Dave Hall.

- Ongoing collection and processing of community donations of goods to benefit the nonprofit work of NSPS.

Richard thanked the members and volunteers for a successful year.

Richard then delineated NSPS goals for 2025, including:

- Continued work on the school building.

- Scheduling and conducting seven monthly yard sales.

- Solicitation of more members and volunteers, including especially those with administrative and public relations skills, as well as a much needed publicity volunteer. Also, the position of Secretary for the organization remains vacant; eligible individuals are encouraged to apply. All volunteers of any capacity are welcome and especially encouraged to join the organization.

Annual Treasurer's Report

Ginny distributed the report for Jan. 1 through Dec. 2, 2024. After income and expenses, net income remains solvent. However, increasing expenses for insurance coverage, especially property coverage for the school building, could drain the treasury in forthcoming years. Consequently, the Society must re-evaluate property insurance coverage in the coming year.

The business being concluded a motion was made and passed to adjourn the annual meeting at 2:45 p.m.

NSPS December Monthly Meeting

Richard called the December '24 monthly meeting to order at 2:45 p.m.

Minutes of the November meeting were motioned and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Ginny distributed the Treasurer's Report for November '24. It will stand for audit.

Old Business

Building – A new sump pump for the school building is pending..

Dog Park – No developments have been reported for the planned dog park and it was tabled until the next meeting.

Insurance – An invoice for the new insurance policy is awaited. The policy is set to cover both liability for the park and structures as well as property insurance for the building. The new policy is more costly than the previous policy, but the insurer will provide minimal property insurance rather than for full insurance for replacement of the building.

The business of the monthly meeting being concluded a motion was made and approved to adjourn the meeting at 3 p,m

Next monthly meeting: March 4, 2025, 6 p.m. in the warming hut.