

North School Preservation Society
Meeting Minutes, April 1, 2025, 6 p.m.

Attendance

NSPS members: President Richard Willard, Vice President Francine Provost, Treasurer Ginny Ricker, Trustees Dave Hall and Margery Burbank, Fred and Linda Kingsbury
Guests: Lions Club member Paul Arnold

The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m.

Minutes of the March 4 meeting were motioned and approved with two changes: 1. The faulty light on the building was reported to the fire department by a neighbor, at which point, the fire department notified Dave, who thereupon fixed the light. 2. Regarding the felled trees that were taken down by a neighbor on their own property, several trees on NS property were felled and damaged collaterally by the neighbor in the process. Dave has been cutting and clearing the felled trees on the NS property to repair the damage to NS property and trees.

Treasurer's Report

Ginny distributed the treasurer's report for March, which showed income from online sales conducted by Dave, as well as regular expenses, including GMP charges and materials costs for repairs made by Dave. The report will stand for audit.

Old Business

Dog Park update:

Lions Club member Paul Arnold, who was the only member present at the meeting, was asked to notify the Lions Club that NSPS is ready to sign and advance the lease agreement with the Town of Springfield for installation of the proposed dog park.

Building and Grounds Update

Dave has begun cutting and clearing the felled trees above the recreation fields.

Dave proposes repairing the gable end of the hut replacing the damaged window in hut. Members agreed.

Dave has installed several donated shelves in various rooms in the building, He has also painted and moved standing shelves from the hut to the building where they will be used for display.

Richard has requested that members consider allocating more space for the media room as the videos, records and materials are overflowing in their current space. Members will discuss ways to redo the media space.

Insurance Issue

Members tabled until later in the year the issue of renewing property insurance coverage.

Yard Sale

The first yard sale of the season is scheduled for Saturday, May 10, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with setup day Friday, May 9, noon-2 p.m. Members discussed plans for setup and the possibility of utilizing the warming hut for end-of-sale storage. However, this suggestion was met with conflicting suggestions which will be sorted out at the sale.

New Business

Online Sales

Members discussed and encouraged Dave's recent success of online sales with proceeds to the North School. He offered to continue to conduct online sales as appropriate and saleable merchandise becomes available.

Car Show

Richard is waiting for confirmation from car clubs, but he set a date of Saturday, July 19, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. for this year's car show. The NS building will be open for sales at that time. More details will follow.

Grout Family Reunion

Richard informed the members that, although tentative, the annual Grout Family Reunion will be held this year at the North School on July 26 at 2 p.m. Members will await further details and anticipate preparing the warming hut for this event.

Miscellaneous Business

Trash Disposal

Ginny will inform members when the dumpster has been contracted for the season.

The business being concluded the meeting was motioned and adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 6, 2025, 6 p.m. in the warming hut.