

1879 Perkinsville Schoolhouse Committee
MEETING
Wednesday February 26, 2019, 6:30 PM
at 1879 Perkinsville Schoolhouse

Attending: deForest Bearse, Matt Keniston, Dottie Richardson, Alison Roth, Karen McGee, BJ Esty

1. CALL Meeting to Order: deForest called the meeting to order – 6:37 pm
2. Roll Call: see above.
3. Approve minutes from 12/12/2018 meeting – Karen moved to approve; Dottie seconded, all approved.
4. Financial report: Darlene made corrections to the budget. deForest handed out copies, we reviewed and approved. Darlene also sent an update on the ramp grant – the sources and the uses of the money -- which Matt explained. The update from Darlene was a mixture of old numbers along with numbers Matt had on his spreadsheet. He said some of the numbers will be updated in the near future, for example, he has now accurate bids so those numbers will be input. Cindy Ingersoll is a critical link, she gets Matt's numbers, and will input them in order to satisfy the grant requirements.

Matt had another update to the Financial Report. He shared his own spreadsheets, this is where he keeps track of all money used, grant reimbursements, the reserve fund etc. These figures indicate we have potentially approximately \$23k, some of which will be spent very quickly as we finish the windows. We have met the Award conditions, which Cindy is keeping track of.

5. Bid results: yesterday was the deadline for the bids for the ramps. We received three bids. The Bid went out as a single bid document: the ramp, the cover and the pathway. Three bidders and amounts they bid were:
 - 1.) \$33,700 - All Seasons – the outfit that worked on the Proctor Library
 - 2.) \$56,000 - Cement
 - 3.) \$66,000 - Upland

The winner will have the building season to complete the project. The owner of All Seasons called in to Ed Morris the day after the bids were due to ask about

the bids. He now knows what each bidder quoted, and that he was the low bid. Matt made a motion that our group recommend that the Selectboard accept All Seasons. BJ seconded and all agreed.

deForest had asked Cindy if there were any other conditions re: the ramp grant – Abestos abatement must be done before the work is started.

Dottie asked that we remind the Town Office that March 1st is the deadline for the bid. deForest made a note to do this.

Matt handed out his Ramp Budget Draft, Materials and In Kind donations to the Project, and In-kind matches. We reviewed.

6. Plaque to honor donors: We want to honor teachers and the donors who made contributions in their names; Dottie has been working on this and brought a picture of a possible plaque we could order and passed it around. Prices ranged from \$620 to \$900 - depends on the kind of wood, the type of plaques, etc.

We originally were using the donations for the windows. But we could use the money for other projects as well. Dottie suggested having a ledger listing donations as they come in. deForest would like to keep track of memorabilia from the school as well. Dottie has a bell that someone gave her, and also a pencil box used in the school. deForest said the Historical Society asked if the old canvas curtain from the grange could be hung on one of the walls of the schoolhouse. Matt offered to make the plaque; a man BJ knows could also do work on plaques. Springfield HS can do engraving. There are a lot of possibilities as we get closer to finishing work on the building and getting it open.

7. Piano – The North Springfield Baptist Church has a piano (spinet) they are willing to donate to us. Dottie says Karen Engdhal confirms it is in useable condition, it needs tuning.
8. Storm Windows: Matt received three quotes for the storm windows. He advised that we select Arch Angle Window & Door – their quote was \$8,386. He liked their product because the screens inside can be removed, but can also stay fixed. Also the glass doesn't need to come out. Matt made a motion

noting that Arch Angle Window & Door is the most appropriate place to get windows for the building; Karen seconded. We are buying 16 units, 14 arched and two rectangular. All agreed.

9. New Business: National Register: deForest researched how to apply to get the building on the National Register and was advised to go to a paid consultant. She called Walter Wheeler since he has done work for us and has a lot of information already, he quoted \$7,500 to do the application. deForest advised that our group review the paperwork ourselves and apply to the National Register of Historic Places ourselves, perhaps with the Historical Society's help in order to save this fee. No motion made, but we all thought that was a good idea.
10. Building Maintenance – we had a problem with heat going off this winter, the pipes froze but were not damaged. The end thought here is that the furnace needs to be serviced once a year so this kind of thing doesn't happen again.
11. FYBudget: deForest had a question about the budget, she will check with Ed.
12. Town Meeting Preparation – BJ brought the posters ; we could update them to include the work on the windows. deForest suggested a verbal report. Matt suggested deForest, as chair of the committee, be prepared to speak and answer questions.
13. Other business: Matt mentioned he had Bob Holtoff over to look at the building and Bob will donate a day's work to fix the floors in the North room, getting them as flat as possible. Matt also asked John Arrison for his help to finish the electrical work. Matt sent out work dates on email looking for volunteers, the first one is March 9th. deForest will put the notice in the Front Porch Forum. We will feed volunteers lunch.

Dottie was concerned about the beautiful floor in the foyer, when people come in to go to the food shelf and wait there. Matt agreed there is a maintenance issue for that floor and the entire building that needs to be addressed. Once ADA ramp is finished, says Matt, the front door will be an exit only, the main entrance will be through the ramp, which will bring people into the foyer Dottie was concerned about. This is not necessarily our committee's purview,

rather it should go to the next group who will be monitoring use of the building for the town.

Matt said he talked with Willis Wood about getting volunteers to work. Willis noted that a personal phone call asking for help was often successful. We decided we need a spreadsheet of people, addresses and phone numbers, in order to call them to ask them for help on specific work days.

14. Next meeting was set for Tuesday March 26, 2019 - 6:30 pm. Meeting adjourned!