



**1879 Perkinsville Schoolhouse Committee
Tuesday, January 25, 2022 6:30 PM
at 1879 Perkinsville Schoolhouse
1862 Route 106, Perkinsville VT
Meeting Minutes**

1. BJ called the meeting to order: 6:40 pm

Roll Call: BJ Esty, Dottie Richardson, Matt Keniston, Bev Savage, Alison Roth

2. Approve minutes from previous meeting of November 16, 2021 ; Matt moved and Dottie seconded, we all agreed to accept the minutes.
3. Financial Report – BJ handed out the November budget which is the last one she had. Matt asked why we don't get the balance sheet for the schoolhouse fund. This includes what comes in from donations. Matt said there should be separate columns to let us know where we stand with what we've spent, and what's come in. BJ said with the change in financial managers, the reporting changed. BJ will make an appointment with the new financial person and see if we can get the reporting back. Matt suggested going back to old records to demonstrate what is useful.
4. BJ also handed out our budget for FY 2023, which starts July 1, 2022. For maintenance we will have a budget of \$5k (this includes oil, electricity, cleaning, grounds upkeep). For Renovations we have \$3,400 to work with; for Internet and phone, \$1,600.

5. Old Business

Matt noted that thanks to Jonathan Nelson at Concept Carpentry, the belfry restoration is complete. Work on rebuilding the bell ringer wheel has been handed off to Osgood Welding in Claremont with an anticipated cost of less than \$600. One half of the cost will be covered in the historic preservation grant for the belfry restoration. A prior quote from Verdant Bells foundry in Cincinnati Ohio for a newly built replica wheel was for \$3000 plus shop drawing time and shipping. The Osgood repair will incorporate the original bell wheel rim.

Matt also noted that other work on the Schoolhouse has been completed, thanks in part to the volunteer work of John Esty and Chuck Guaratino. This includes the railing in bathroom, more electrical work in North Classroom, plus getting the unfinished cabinet faces stained. Sanding and painting have taken place too. The Bathroom is ready for inspection except for a shelf which needs to come out.

There's been a lot a work done, a lot of little things, mostly on Friday mornings. So progress is being made. For now, workdays will continue to be Fridays. Due to COVID Matt has had a skeleton volunteer crew, which allows for plenty of space between workers. He anticipates he can allow a bigger work party once COVID is diminished.

We have one quote on refinishing the floor in the North Classroom from Tones and Hues. Because the quote is over \$2k (\$2,250) we have tried to find additional companies to give us quotes. BJ called Measured Twice, but they never returned her call; Dottie approached Michael Roy, who has hurt his back and cannot work right now. Dottie also approached the crew who did the former Perkinsville general store roof, but received no answer. BJ says there's been no response to the advertisement on our Facebook page.

Open Floor

When we've finished the work still on our list, Matt suggested that it would be good to have a preliminary walk thru inspection. The point of that being that would give us a heads up about what we might still need to complete, including the Food Shelf area, to gain our Compliance Occupancy status. Since there is a cost involved in having a preliminary walk-thru, Matt will discuss with the town manager.

Next meeting date: Feb.22 at 6:30 pm

Agenda: Work Progress, Next Steps

Motion to adjourn: Bev moved, Matt seconded - All were in favor.