

Minutes for 11/14/16 Meetinghouse Committee

Meeting called to order at 7:07. Peter, Bruce and Lee Anne present.

Minutes reviewed, clarifications needed to original draft and then they will be submitted by Helen.

Bruce Mello reviewed his conversation with Michelle Baily, Vt. Arts Council, concerning a grant opportunity available to artists in our community. Awarded individuals could receive up to \$15,000 for artistic contribution to our Meetinghouse. Bruce will get the word out and if there is interest the Committee will meet with the interested parties. Contact email: mbailey@vermontartscouncil.org

The bid for insulating the walls, ceiling and crawlspace of the addition was received from Farnum Insulators, Dummerston, Vt. Bruce is going to apply calculations to determine the R value of the work and we will file the bid to use after structural foundation work has been completed on the addition.

We then began a list of projects that could be outlined in this year's fundraising Holiday Letter to the community. If we are to consider heating the addition we will need the chimneys examined and an estimate of work. We would like to fund raise for cushions for the pews, painting the interior of the church and kitchen areas, and get estimates from Vt. Restoration & Painting (Momaney) for plaster repair. We also put the removal of the guano from the attic high on the list as we were unsuccessful in securing a bid from Farnum Insulation. The stove and refrigerators in the kitchen should be tested and any improvements needed identified. The Committee asks that all members bring a list of to do items so that we can prioritize a list. Peter has taken on the task of writing the holiday letter.

It was agreed to request an additional 36 mugs from Darlene Balantine, Special-Tees, for fund raising. Lee Anne will approach Wendy Dutton concerning a dedicated space to sell prints and cups during the Christmas holiday. We will all be looking for additional places to sell.

Peter will request a current land owner list to update our mailing list. Lee Anne will work with the list and add any email addresses taken from our sign in sheets from open houses. Target date to mail and email out the fundraising letter is the 5th of December.

Peter will look into getting onto the agenda of the next Select Board meeting to discuss the Community Fund, its balance and what needs to be done to allocate funds to Meetinghouse activities.

Meeting adjourned at 9 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Anne Parker