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Historic Brookline Church Advisory Committee Minutes Wednesday 26 October 2016

Lee Anne Parker called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. Committee members present: Bruce Mello, Helen Samuels, and Kerry Bourne. Pete Newton was also in attendance.

The minutes of the 12 October meeting were reviewed and approved.

Pete Newton

Pete expressed to the Committee how much he enjoyed working on the building. "It is in wonderful original condition. You should keep it that way." We then discussed the work yet to be done, including plaster repair, the need to run wires, and acoustics.

If we build columns to enclose the wires, by painting them the same color as the walls, it will help the columns disappear. The plaster on the ceiling is in very good shape. Pete and Kerry agree that the floor joists were not compromised, and will therefore not require additional work. These buildings were not built to be rigid. With Kerry's work the building now seems very well supported. The posts help the overall support, and add to what the trusses accomplish.

The primary reason to insulate the building is if we want it to be used during the winter. But we may not want to address heating at this point. We could investigate ways to heat the building for specific events.

Pete also felt that the stoves/ranges are still usable.

The acoustics will need to be addressed, and sounds do echo. Padded cushions for the seats and tapestries on the walls might help.

Pete also said that he would be willing to work on the balustrade. Kerry and Pete will evaluate the work to be done and report back to the Committee.

The Committee agreed to move several items on the agenda, including Bruce's vision, to a future meeting when Peter would be in attendance.

New business

Lee Anne contacted Chad Barnam, an insulation contractor, to get an estimate for possible work in the Meetinghouse.

Finances

We will have \$15,000 remaining in our account after Pete Newton's work is completed. We will need to have funds available for matching grants, etc.

Halloween

We will staff the building for Halloween Trick or Treating from 5 – 8. Julie will be asked to send an announcement to the Town. ???Specify who will draft that message and get that to Julie. Helen will put our sign out front inviting the community to come by on Halloween. (Trick or Treaters Welcome 5-8). We'll also let Tina Bills know about the event, and invite the daycare children to come by. We can decorate and set up for the event on Sunday Nov 30.

Proposed dates for our next meetings are Monday November 14th and Wednesday the 30th. These dates will be checked with Peter and then Guy will be informed, once they are confirmed.

The meeting way adjourned at 8:30pm.