

Old Meetinghouse Revitalization (OMRC) Meeting Minutes
October 22, 2020
5 PM
Old Meetinghouse
Final

Committee Present: Meadow Wysocki, Virginia Drew, Norman Yeaton, Chuck Driesbach, Kristy Ellsworth

The Old Meetinghouse Revitalization Committee meets to continue efforts to bring the Old Meetinghouse up to code for occupancy so it may be utilized as a community space. It is the goal of the committee to finance the effort through fundraising without utilizing taxpayer dollars.

I. Approve 10/1/20 minutes

Meadow made a motion to approve minutes as amended. Norm seconded. Approved 5-0

II. Fundraising Updates

Meadow provided an update on the Moose Plate grant award. The OMRC has been awarded \$20,000 toward the work required on the stained glass windows. Meadow will work with the town offices to ensure the proper paperwork is completed and submitted to the NH Council for the Arts to accept the award. She will also reach out to Tom Driscoll at Sash & Solder to inform them of the award and get on their schedule.

Kristy provided an updated list of the 501c3 organizations in the area. She asked the committee to review the list to see if there are any organization they committee is comfortable reaching out to requesting assistance. She also provided a write up on items to consider when asking a non-profit 501c3 organization to be an umbrella for our non-profit.

Meadow provided an update on the status of the GoFundMe campaign. The prior GoFundMe page which was established had been taken down. Kristy handed out an initial write up of the proposed campaign wording. Committee members are asked to provide proposed changes to Kristy. Once a final write up is approved the site will be launched.

Meadow provided information on the Smile Amazon opportunity to have a portion of purchases made through the site donated to the OMRC. Meadow requested to be added to the next BOS meeting for approval. We would like to get the site up and operational prior to Black Friday if it is approved by the BOS.

Kristy provided information on the NH Charitable Foundation. Kristy is working with Wendy Cahill at the NH Charitable Foundation on how we can move forward on getting this set up. Once a

profile is established the NHCF will provide our information to potential grant opportunities on our behalf.

Virginia worked with Home Depot on getting donated materials. She was able to get two \$50 gift cards for material purchases. She will be picking these up this weekend and will give it to Chuck and Norm to purchase needed materials. If we are able to get in to Home Depot early the next week we may be able to get additional donated materials or discounts on the materials we need to purchase.

Kristy has been looking into email lists which are available to purchase. She is able to determine we can get a current list through Spector Marketing. Meadow indicated we have some funds left in the budget for this type of purchase and asked the committee to agree to utilizing some of these funds in the current budget year. The committee agreed to purchasing a list utilizing \$200 of the current budget funds. Virginia indicated we have an email list which was purchased under a prior campaign and will see if she can get this information to possibly add to the list we purchase. She also indicated that the town has a list serve that people in town can sign up for and we may be able to add to our list these email addresses. Also the OMRC Facebook page can be provide updates on current fundraising campaigns. Virginia will add Kristy and Meadow to the admin access of this page so they may also post updates to the page.

Meadow made a motion to purchase an email list through Spector Marketing. Norm seconded the motion. Passed 5-0

III. Restroom Construction Planning

Kristy spoke to her father and he is willing to provide the OMRC CAD drawings required to start the bathroom project. She will follow up with him on this.

IV. Building Keys

Virginia provided each member of the committee with a full set of keys to the Old Meetinghouse.

V. Lighting Update

Chuck and Norm need to work on the middle lights to see where the wiring leads to and will work to get them hooked up. Chuck knows of a local licensed electrician who may be able to look at what is going to be required and will ask if he will donate or discount his services to get this project done.

Other

Virginia asked if there are any supplies the committee requires that would not be considered building related. There are funds available in the budget for these types of expenses. Chuck and Norm indicated they could use shop rags, heavy duty trash bags and Old English Oil to use on the pews.

Virginia indicated that the Stewardship report will be coming due. Chuck, Virginia and Chad Decker will work to complete this report.

Virginia also indicated that we will need to provide an annual report to the BOS by end of November. Chuck will complete this report and asked the committee to send him items that should be included.

Meadow asked Chuck if he had the prior committee member time sheets and that we need to return to completing these on a weekly basis. There is a log of hours worked in the meetinghouse but a log of time spent outside of the building on committee related items needs to be tracked. Will need to create a list of hours from the date of the last sheet. Chuck will check to see if these sheets are in the documents Debs provided at the time of her resignation. If they are not there he will reach out to Val to ask if she has the past lists. Val provided the sheets each week but not sure if she was the one collecting them.

Virginia indicated that we will not have a donation table on voting day as there is not enough coverage due to people on the committee working at the polls. Virginia will publish a notice that we are not going to be there but any citizens who would like to donate can still do this through the town offices.

Meadow made a motion to adjourn. Kristy seconded. Meeting adjourned at 5:45pm.

Next Scheduled OMRC meeting is on November 11, 2020 at 5pm at the Old Town Hall

Respectfully submitted by Meadow Wysocki