

Old Meetinghouse Revitalization (OMRC) Meeting Minutes
Thursday January 21, 2021
5 PM
Epsom Town Hall and via ZOOM

Committee Present: Virginia Drew, Norman Yeaton, Chuck Driesbach, Meadow Wysocki, 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 1/7/2021 minutes

Chuck made a motion to approve minutes as amended. Kristy seconded. Approved 5-0

II. Fundraising Updates

Meadows spoke to Bruce at True Value about the paint grant. There is some problem solving that needs to be worked out about the restrictions for the grant. Virginia is going to figure out the number of people in Epsom under the age of 18 to satisfy the question about the number of children that this grant will serve.

Meadow reported that the non-profit status with the IRS is pending and Megan from the town hall is working with her on a letter of determination so we can launch the GoFundMe campaign and participate in Amazon Smile.

Virginia reminded everybody that there is a Gmail account for the Old Meetinghouse that everybody can use if they need to communicate for granting purposes etc.

Kristy is working on a list of fundraising ideas and we'll have it ready for the next meeting.

Virginia is in the process of planning tours and will give an update at the next meeting.

Virginia also reported that she is brainstorming ways to interact with other organizations such as Girl Scouts, and suggested possibly selling their cookies on our front porch. She also suggested that we offer it as a space for EYAA sign ups.

Virginia mentioned that Nancy Heath wants to plant a garden between the two stairwells and we will reach out to her to cement the details.

III. Restroom Construction Planning

Bathroom installation is on hold until the spring.

IV. Lighting Update

Chuck reported that Norman and himself will wait until March to continue with the electrical work as Norma's in Florida until the end of March. We also discussed needing to have lights in front of the building.

Meadow suggested sunset smart bulbs and Chuck is going to look into it. We all felt it was important to illuminate the exterior in the evening.

Other

The meeting ended with more discussion about what the next course of action should be for restoration. It was decided as a group if we get the paint grant, that we would paint the frames and windows and the foyer. Kristy suggested that we look into a historically accurate color palette. Virginia is tasked with asking Neil English for advice about the door repair and refinishing.

Kristy made a motion to adjourn. Chuck seconded. Meeting adjourned at 5:39 pm.

Next Scheduled OMRC meeting is on February 4th, 2021 at 5pm at the Town Office or Via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted by Kristy Ellsworth