

Old Meetinghouse Revitalization Committee (OMRC) Meeting

August 29, 2023

Old Meetinghouse

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.

Meeting Commenced at 5:18 pm

Committee Present: George Carlson, Virginia Drew, Chuck Driesbach, Carol Zink-Mailloux, Kristy Ellsworth, Norm Yeaton

- I. **Approval of the July 22, 2023, meeting minutes:** Virginia motion to accept the minutes with amendments. George seconded. July 22, 2023, meeting minutes accepted as amended.
- II. **Old Home Day (OHD) Recap:** Virginia - \$548 was made (mostly from the BBQ on Friday). Norm's float was a hit and provided great visibility.
- III. **Bathroom updates:** Chuck – Bob McKechnie has started the remodel.
Items that need attention:
 - The right side of the arch needs to continue to the floor.
 - The HVAC area above the bathrooms needs cleared items/trash (Chuck and Sam to clean).
 - The contractor who did the fire alarm system in the food pantry needs to rough in what is needed on the main floor. Question – will the main floor be tied into the lower level? Virginia to identify what/who is needed.
 - There will be a small alcove under the arch for display. Overhead lighting will be provided.
 - Letter needed from town for free disposal of demo materials.
- IV. **Donations Update:** Virginia – Ryan Keough donated \$1K to name one of the Stained-glass windows. Rita Lambert Estate donated \$5K for the bell and tower.
- V. **Fundraising Brainstorming:** We will have a table at the ECS Craft Fair in December. Also, discussion about having carolers in front of OM during Odd Fellows and Library event in December.
- VI. **Other**

Virginia – Noted that there is a problem with the drainage where the handicap area is that will need to be addressed.

October 12, the Gravy Train food truck will be at the town campus from 11:00am to 3:00pm.

Norm – Questions about items that have been committed to current donors. We have a list that identifies donors and the amount given, but not the item that was selected by them. Virginia – thought that she had sent that info but will send it again. Also, discussion about soliciting businesses again since it has been 5 years since our initial effort. It was noted that several organizations have been soliciting.

Discussion about having a list of donors and availability of items to donate for in the Town office.

George - Motion to adjourn the meeting. Norm seconded. Meeting adjourned at 5:56 pm.

Next meeting of the OMRC – September 23, 8:00 am at the OM.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Driesbach
Vice Chairman