MEETING HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING

Dec. 21, 2020 9:00 am VIA zoom

Attending: Tom Widger, Eileen Widger, Maureen Bell, Imme Maurath, Louise Johnson

Minutes of previous meeting were accepted.

Main topic of the meeting was to discuss needs of the building, applying for grants, Maureen took a workshop on Grant Writing and had some ideas of how we should go about applying. First of all, it is too late to apply now but important to get priorities set and do the “leg work” in order to be ready for next year.

WE have asked everyone to brainstorm ideas and write why you think it is important. Send your thoughts to Louise (johnsonfish@aol.com) and she will coordinate the list. It is important that we have an approximate dollar amount for each item. Discussion of the items will take place at the next meeting and then we can research the cost of the items.

 Some of the proposed needs include: A generator, install showers(?), enlarge parking lot, updating the kitchen ( hood over stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, stainless steel island), update heating system with separate zones , tankless water heater, painting (something we could do ourselves), motion activated lights, refinish floors, repair peeling ceiling in Sanctuary. These are just some of the brainstorming ideas so far. Please send Louise your list no matter how trivial it may sound. True brainstorming is just make a list of everything you can think of and when finished each item is discussed.

It seems since talking with Lisa Ryan of VT Preservation Trust and Alex Tolstoi of Efficiency Vermont that there any number of grants we could apply for. Both Lisa and Alex are excellent resources and seem eager to help us in our endeavors.

 Concern about the legal capacity of the building for fire safety

 Next meeting: January 14, 2021, 9:00 AM via Zoom. Maureen will set up the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise Johnson

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