

Stewart Library Building Preservation Group

Minutes

February 13, 2020

Members Present: Colleen Grover, Lois Jones, Bill Condon, Lee Kaufman, Roland Dorman, Galen McKenney, Jackie Emerson, Jamie Irving, Jim Louder, and Ken Dow (via computer)

The meeting was called to order by Jim Louder at 6:30 p.m.

The minutes from the December 5, 2019 were approved.

Financial Balances Report:	MCF Endowment Fund	\$313,074.54
	MCF Maintenance Account	\$3,913.80
	SLB Preservation Account	\$43,923.56

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Construction Committee:

Lois has spoken with Karl Ward and has sent him a copy of disputed elevator repair bills from Pine State Elevator (April of 2019). Karl will check with Pine State Elevator. Ames Architecture has not replied to the town's questions about whether Nickerson O'Day had sent them a change order prior to installing the elevator. Therefore, it has not yet been determined if either is responsible for the elevator problem. If there is no reply by Feb. 15th, the town will pursue further actions. Meanwhile, payment of the bills is pending. Due to this continued delay in paying Pine State, Bill suggested that the town should contact them to let them know what is transpiring, and that we are not just ignoring the bills.

In order to provide heat in the basement during the winter months, a modine will be installed by Phelps Plumbing and Heating during the week of Feb. 17-21. They will also repair the 2nd floor lobby heater.

There has been clarification with the town regarding the items for which the SLB maintenance endowment funds will be expended.

Private Library Committee:

Cleaning of the books in Levi's private collection is ongoing.

Levi's collection of personal and private papers is in the process of being digitized and filed for reference. A step by step process is being developed in order to allow Jamie (and hopefully some volunteers

including students) to scan the information using a program entitled, "Past Perfect". Sylvia and Colleen are taking the lead with this project. This, also, will be a long, slow undertaking.

Grant Writing Committee:

Colleen, Sylvia, and Jim attended a Maine Community Presentation at the Bangor Library in Dec. 2019. It is hoped that it will lead to the writing of a few grants to help us fund future SLB projects.

BUSINESS

Nokomis Freshman Visit: A report was given stating that the Nokomis Freshman Class visit (now an apparent annual event) was very successful. It was discussed that we should reach out to the Nokomis organizers of this event in order to make it even more successful. Gary presented the auditorium and theater portion, Bill conducted a tour and discussion of the basement, Jamie talked about the library, and Jim presented info about Levi's private library, a brief discussion about the overall importance of the Stewart Library Building over the past 120+ years, and a brief discussion about the evolution of the downtown and its businesses over the years.

State Bicentennial Display: Colleen gave an update on the status of our participation in the Mid Maine Historical Committee's planned Historical Expo at Central Hall in Dover-Foxcroft on Aug. 2nd. We will need to form a committee and meet as soon as Carl and Linda return from Florida, as there is groundwork that must be planned and implemented prior to our participation.

Past Perfect and Tablets: Past Perfect digitization of Levi's papers is progressing. Sylvia, Colleen, and Jamie are setting up the procedures necessary for volunteers, in coordination with Jamie, to enter the data into the system. Ken, via his virtual presence at the meeting, discussed some possibilities regarding updating and upgrading the website that is currently available on our tablets in the Stewart Private Library Museum. This will be worked on later in the spring.

Endowment Payout for 2020: The Stewart Library Building Maintenance Endowment payout for the upcoming year will be \$8,990, and will be received in March. The maintenance committee will meet to update the projects that will be funded by it for the upcoming year.

Scheduled Committee Meetings:

The Private Library Committee will meet on Tues. Feb. 25th at 9:00 a.m.
The Maintenance Committee will meet on Tues. Feb. 25th at 2:00 p.m.

Other Business:

Lee did a cleanup in the basement of paint and various construction materials...Thanks, Lee.

Galen mentioned that the Morse's Corner School (built in 1831) is in need of repair, or will likely be demolished. Our maintenance committee will discuss this situation at the Tues. Feb. 25th meeting to see if we are interested in getting involved in any way prior to the town making a final decision.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the SLBPG will be – March 5, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

