

Stewart Library Building Preservation Group

Minutes

March 5, 2020

Attending: Everett Simpson, Jamie Irving, Roland Dorman, Jim Louder, Galen McKenney, Jackie Emerson, Colleen Grover, Lois Jones, Sylvia Miholovich, and Lee Kaufman

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

The minutes from the February 13th meeting were voted on and approved.

Financial Balances Report:	MCF Endowment Fund	\$303,419.54
	SLB Preservation Account	\$43,973.56
	MCF Maintenance Account	\$2,697.80

The Maine Community Foundation Payout, in the amount of \$8,990, was sent out on March 4th and when deposited into our maintenance account will bring the total up to \$11,687.80.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Construction Subcommittee:

Lois reported that the outstanding elevator repair bill, in the amount of \$4,678.02, has been settled at no cost to us. An agreement was reached between Nickerson O'Day and Pine State Elevator whereby \$2,000 was donated to a scholarship by Nickerson O'Day; and Pine State Elevator asked that a letter be written by the town acknowledging a gift in kind by them in the amount of \$2678.02. Lois can give more exact details if there are questions. It is further noted that our construction committee feels disappointed that Ames Associates apparently refused to play a part in this solution despite the fact that they were involved in the original design.

The modine has been installed in the basement, thus providing enough heat to avoid the danger of freeze ups during the winter.

There is a leak in one of the radiators in the hallway (just before you turn to the left heading toward the town office). Bill is going to have Phelps Plumbing take a look at it.

A stairway and a catwalk will be installed behind the stage area which will allow for safer entry to the attic. The cost will be approximately \$2,000. This has been an ongoing concern, since the current ladder type arrangement that exists is quite dangerous and not at all an

efficient way of getting either into or out of the attic. Lee also reported that building a stairway to get up to the belfry area will be quite expensive and therefore a solution to this problem is on hold.

Regarding the apparent interest in restoring the Morse's Corner School House, the construction committee believes that this is a project that needs to be presented to the selectmen. Some suggestions are that the property needs to be surveyed, an analysis of the condition of the building needs to be made, and interest among residents and families who have connections to Morse's Corner needs to be determined. During discussion at this meeting, Everett expressed great interest in pursuing this project. Since he has looked into restoring the schoolhouse in the past, and since he already has some connections with the Maine Historic Preservation Commission, he will be willing to investigate this matter further. Still to be determined is the extent to which our committee will be involved. The general feeling is that we already have our hands full with the preservation projects at the Stewart Library Building.

Private Library Committee:

The private library committee did not meet, but has been busy cleaning books in the private library museum. Digitization of Levi's papers has hit a snag, since the newly acquired lap top computer is not working. Sylvia is going to call the technical support number which Ken provided her. Since the computer warrantee runs out on April 3, there is a need to act rapidly. Hopefully scanning and filing will resume shortly.

Regarding the Bicentennial display and presentation scheduled to take place in Dover-Foxcroft in August: There is going to be an informational meeting on March 8th. Sylvia knows someone from the Newport Cultural Center who is going, and she will be able to get updated info. As soon as Carl and Linda return from Florida, the committee will meet to take further action.

OTHER BUSINESS

The committee was reminded that our election of officers will be held at the next meeting.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the SLBPG will be April 2, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.