

Minutes - Buildings & Grounds Committee

Tuesday, July 1 2014

Present: Gina Auriema, Donna Durgin, Katrin Helgason, Jack Nelson and Vassie Sinopoulos

Special Note: Radek has repaired the bench that sits by the garden near the entrance to the Social Hall. This bench was given in honor of Howard Gould and recently fell apart because of rotten wood. He did an exemplary restoration and did not charge for the many hours he spent doing this. Our committee recommends that he be rewarded with a gift certificate in the amount of \$100 to show our appreciation. We ask for Board approval.

Radek reported that he plans to re-paint the porch and ramp when the painters have completed their job. The porch floor needs repainting because so much white paint splattered onto its surface while the exterior was being painted. The ramp will be painted with textured paint to provide better traction.

He mentioned that the Jazz Festival group did not present any extraordinary cleaning requirements, just a little more time on their part. They are paid an additional fee for cleaning as a part of the rental agreement.

Committee read the description of Buildings & Grounds that Norwood Long crafted for the web site. We agreed to each take a look and make our suggestions/changes to present at next month's meeting.

Donna Durgin reviewed the WNS Rental Agreement. Committee agreed not to increase the rent, if hours remain the same and accepted the lease as written. Donna will have Geraldine change the dates to reflect the coming school year - 2014-15 and then have lease signed by all required.

Jack reported that the cost of the lift we rented for painting went from the original estimate of \$2,500 (for a week) to \$4,500 because we are keeping it for the month. As it turned out, the lift is needed for the duration of the job.

The silcock/spigot mounted on the exterior of the church and which will be used to water the new perma culture garden needed repair at a cost of \$356.

Jack has ordered a delivery of loam/topsoil to repair the large dents in the ground made by the lift.

Jack has contracted with Robin Kempson to do the following repairs: 1. Fix situation with door to storage area in back of social hall. 2. Install gutter over ramp entrance

and 3. Fix rotting bathroom floor in parsonage where toilet has been leaking. (Radek will put down new flooring)

Jack has secured the repair of sewer to parsonage and the cost will be not to exceed \$6,800.

Jack purchased oil for next season at 3.26.9 cents/gallon.

Jack had two questions for Cheryl. Gina agreed to contact Cheryl. 1. Has oil burner been cleaned and 2. could she get the lead paint inspector back to do WNS and parsonage.

Estimates for driveway repair - Gina presented the estimates that she received from Schulz Excavation, Wayne Wilson and Richard Sargent. Vassie suggested that Gina contact Harry Bumps because he did the work last time. If his estimate is comparable, we will hire him to grade and apply hard pack on driveway. To be scheduled as soon as he can do it.

There was a short discussion about composting. Gina put a composting bucket in kitchen so that organic matter could be separated from the other garbage. Radek wanted to know how to go about composting - if we had set up a compost in the yard. We have not set up a special compost bin for organic kitchen waste but think this would be a good idea.

Vassie will talk to Ann Dean and perhaps Phyllis to see if the Change The World Kids could set us up with a composting bin. Our intention is to compost for use in the perma- culture garden.

Katrin mentioned that the bubbler(water fountain) by the WNS bathrooms spouts water too far and consequently the wall gets hit with water. Jack will look at turning the pressure down to prevent this from happening.

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Auriema, acting Secretary