

Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting 5/6/14

Present: Cheryl, Agata, Radec, Jack and Ann,

Sexton: Natalia worked out very well while Agata and Radec were on vacation. Gina took care of the recycling so no issues seemed to arise.

The table in the library is missing its leaf – please keep an eye out for it.

Radec will take care of a light out in the Sanctuary. There are bolts in the risers on the front steps that are bleeding through the paint. Radec will also deal with this issue.

Sewer Work: Green Mountain Plumbing will do the inside work and Guernsey Brothers will do the outside work. Arnie will try to reroute the Church and the Parsonage so that the rather large U of sewer lines is straightened out. We are hoping to have it completed in May.

Electrician: There are two new outlets in the kitchen just for coffee pots. There is presently a paper sign.

Front Garden:

Anne Macksoud joined us for part of the meeting to discuss the gardens to the left of the walk to the Parlors. Agata and Radec were delighted that they would be trying a permaculture garden. Anne Dean will be introducing the concept to the congregation on May 18 and a design of the garden.

Permaculture means permanent agriculture – so we are looking at fruit trees, hardy kiwi's, nuts and berries as well as a regular northern garden. The point is that the plants that are planted side by side take away the need for pesticides and chemicals. This will be a learning garden for the whole of Woodstock not just our church. Anne M. will follow up Friday with the design and a discussion of how it will be cared for and overseen by our community. A few concerns that B&G had are the following;

- a sign needs to be displayed for a contact person
- acknowledge that people will walk by and take fruit etc.
- that it not be messy

Since there were only 3 of us at the meeting, we felt that it would give us a sense of community and a new adventure. Since there is no cost to NUCS it seems like a win win for everyone.

Ongoing issues:

A door into the hallway in the Social Hall needs to cut off at the bottom so it doesn't scrape.

The Parsonage bathroom floor is very punky and needs to be partially replaced.

A gutter over the ADA ramp is needed before winter. Daniel visited our committee and he and Ann are going to line up some folks that could possibly help with these 3 issues. Daniel also offered to rototill and seed around the pizza oven since it is looking a bit lumpy.

Don't forget Clean Up day on May 17th – 10 to 2 – please bring tools that might be needed!

Next meeting will be on June 3 in the Social Hall. A change will be happening from here on with our monthly meetings. All meetings will start together for dinner at 6 pm in the Social Hall. This one is sponsored by the Board of Trustees. We will all eat together. At 7 pm, we will all go to our respective meetings. B&G will stay in the Social Hall. We have ONE hour to complete our meetings. At 8 pm we will come back together to discuss what we have accomplished or ask questions of other committees and have dessert together. This means that we have to be very organized for our meeting to accomplish it all in an hour. Please come prepared!

Sincerely,
Cheryl Brush