

Notes from Buildings & Grounds March 8 Meeting

Present: Gina Auriema, Don Ransom, George Wohlgemuth and Agata Marzec

Welcomed new member George Wohlgemuth. At April meeting we will welcome two other new members; Jay Kelley and Ralph Lancaster

Sexton's Report Agata reported that the winter (so far) has gone by without much surprise. She did note that the snow storms in February made for quite a lot of extra work especially since during that time there were three scheduled Memorial Services with large crowds in the Sanctuary and Social Hall.

The only other thing to note was that Green Mountain Plumbing had to replace a zone valve (\$200+) in the Minister's office and some fuses in the furnace room. Proper heat in the Minister's office has been a perennial problem. The bill for this work totaled approx. \$800.

Reading of January Minutes (No February Meeting)

Old Business

Don had one more Chimney specialist, Top Hat Chimney Sweep of W. Fairlee VT look at the parsonage chimney. We are waiting for their quote to compare with the one from Chimney Savers Inc. He expects it by the end of this week.

We deferred the scheduling of Coffee Hour - for which we're responsible in May - to our April Meeting. Please come to our meeting with Sunday dates that work for you. There are 4 Sundays, May 7,14,21 and 28.

Gina shared the current report from the No. Chapel Facilities Task Force. Planning for the project continues and is getting close to finalization. It was agreed that Buildings & Grounds would hold off on our proposed project of replacing the flooring in the foyer to the Social Hall until the reconfiguring of the space there is finalized. The new floor may become part of the renovation at that point anyway. The money budgeted for that project can go toward the refinishing of the Sanctuary floors and the carpet runner.

A draft contract for rentals and rental procedures is in the works. Gina would like to have it in final form and available for the group that is using the back yard, social hall and kitchen on June 3rd.

New Business

Vt. Life Safety Inspection was done and the report is available. Everything checked out and is in good working order. This Inspection is done yearly and a report is submitted (by them) to The Vt. Dept. of Public Safety.

Composting - Gina would like to get North Chapel more involved with composting and it's importance to the climate connection. International Compost Awareness Week is May 7 - 13. Question is: How can we participate, what can we do to help raise awareness and include NUCS members in composting. In deference to Vermont's Act 148 which effectively bans the disposal of food scraps (organic, compostable kitchen wastes) by July 2020, we would do well to get started soon! More discussion to follow at April meeting.

Schedule for SPRING CLEAN UP DAY - Committee members look at your calendars and see what dates might work for you - we'll schedule at our April meeting.

It was noted that maybe it would be a good idea to involve some of the Change The World Kids in a Spring Cleaning of the kitchen - a sort of "detailing" to rehab the stove, oven and other areas of the kitchen that show signs of use after their season of Cabin Fever Dinners.

Next meeting is Tuesday, April 4th before Committee Cafe. Location to be announced.

Submitted by
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