

This month, we're working on obtaining estimates for the main components of our proposed workplan. This is complicated and time-consuming primarily because it involves meeting with various contractors; responding to their questions; and relying on them to furnish estimates for the work we've outlined. The meetings and site visits have all taken place. We're now dependent on the contractors for developing and sharing their estimates with us. The main lesson here is that patience is a virtue. Or is it that all good things take time? In any case, we're following up as much and as often as we can.

Note that the estimates we're obtaining are ballpark estimates only. They'll be sufficient for us to use in developing our overall project approach and to use as estimates for fundraising purposes. We'll develop specific plans for the construction projects we undertake and, at that time, will obtain firm bids based on detailed plans and specifications. We're able to do this now in a few cases (insulation and the roof repair) but not in some of the other aspects of the work we envision (parlors renovation, landscaping, etc.).

We anticipate that this will be completed so that a final report can be submitted to the board this month.

respectfully submitted,

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