

RFS Board Minutes 9/30/2019

Present: Gary Vencil, Ralph Chapman, Bec Poole, David Zachow, Daksha Baumann

Not present: Karen Adamo, Martha Jordan, Kathleen Caldwell

Ralph opened the meeting at 9:10 with a reading by Parker Palmer from Thirteen Ways of Looking at Community, #3 Contemplation.

Quorum not met, approval of minutes from 8/26 put off until next meeting.

There was discussion re: being able to vote when a quorum is not present. Can we vote with just the executive committee or vote via email? The bylaws will be reviewed by Ralph to see if this has been addressed.

Daksha signed the contract with Poole Construction for phase 1 of the steeple project. Contract and work estimate to go into the corporate books. This phase is estimated at \$8900 and an initial outlay of \$2000 for the crane will be due soon. Work to begin mid-Oct. Bec relayed that Bob is willing to be flexible with a payment schedule.

Bec will ask Dee Powell to be on the board.

There was no treasurer's report, but subsequent to the meeting the balance came in as \$12,689.73.

The B&G Report and Program Report were shared via email before the meeting. Gary widened our understanding of the upcoming Kevin Duffy event 10/13 on the health of the Bagaduce and asked for art work to be shown for this program.

Penobscot Brickworks, those great bees by school kids, Lewis-Kane's Spirit of the Bagaduce, photos by Ann Flewelling and Lydia Cassatt were suggested.

Gary will offer a one week time share for a \$1000 donation to RFS via the next newsletter.

Jennifer Chase suggests finding a better time for RFS events to make them more family friendly. Continued awareness of target audience schedule may be helpful.

Kate Mroziki submitted a sponsor request using our new application form to support a Wabaniki Reach Training at the Blue Hill library. Programs will follow up and board recommends \$100, use of email list and newsletter inclusion.

The Board currently lacks a Secretary and Lisa Mazarelli will be asked to fill that position.

It was noted that the Gregor's Tent Project has been successful in finding new partners.

The Appeal Project has begun and Daksha shared some thoughts and unfinished samples. The invitation size envelop will include the donation form, the art card, and a text card with concise narrative that refers to the website for a longer narrative. Donations this year can be made online as well as mailed in.

The intern position description was thought to be complete but fulfillment of this position is on hold and awaiting a funding source.

There was discussion in review of the Steeple Project and the ongoing bathroom/kitchen remodel to get an idea of the funds being sought. Rounding off numbers we came up with \$12,000. This covers the heat pump, finishing the kitchen with window, flooring, gas line, plumbing and paint, bathroom window, insulating/winterizing the water line, exterior paint. The two-phase steeple work is budgeted at \$25,000.

Looking ahead a year or two there is need for 2 exterior doors and a deck off the bathroom door, chimney removal, roofing, and parking area enlargement: \$10,000.

Discussion on the UMC investment fund, RFS ability to secure a loan and/or use the funds directly to support repairs/remodeling on the building took place at a number of times. If RFS sought a loan, securing the funds seems to be quick. There was strong feeling that direct access to the investment money was a better solution as the funds are sought not for RFS programs but for the building, still owned by UMC. Bec will follow up with BUMC and Sue Brown.

Suggestions offered for the end of meeting evaluation included beginning on time, getting a bank balance figure for each meeting, sending out advance agendas via email, Ralph's agenda format was liked as was the structured meeting.

Volunteer hours:

Daksha 17

Next meeting: October 21 Facilitator: Daksha Recorder: Gary

Meeting ended 10:55