

RFS Board Minutes 4-20-1`9

Present: Martha Jordan, Gary Vencill, Ralph Chapman, Lisa Mazzarelli, Karen Adamo, Daksha Baumann

Opening: Mindful by Mary Oliver

March minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

2018 Annual financial report was accepted. Karen reports the current balance = \$28,857.98.

Doug Cowan and Karen have been in contact to take care of federal and state corporate filings and needed payments. The board hopes to shift this task off of Doug's plate soon.

MOU with BUMC was reviewed and confirmed at \$1200/year for 20 years. This may be looked at to ascertain that terms continue to be equitable.

B&G Report

Significant work of construction has begun on the bathroom and kitchen remodel. David, Lisa, Nancy Morris and Daksha ripped out the old floor 4/15 and laid new plywood. Then David, Pat Weirs, Peter Diemond began building walls and took out a window 4/16. Daksha was there that day too but mainly stayed out of their way, tried to answer questions and got the hardware on another hanging panel to support gallery exhibits. Pete and Pat will return Friday 4/19 to finish walls and perhaps get a start on the closet and vanity.

Gerry Gray will start soon (probably 4/24) to do plumbing and electric work and Mark Taplan will finish up installing the pressure tank soon also.

I expect the insulation crew will do their part sometime late April or early May.

I think I also have a lead on a young body to dig the trench under the bathroom so that the water line can be laid to finish up the plumbing work.

The addition will include a utility sink, a good suggestion by Pat Wheeler and thanks to David's foresight a baby change station.

Workdays are being scheduled on 'as needed' basis. There is no open call for we need to be selective on number of helpers or arranging for special tasks at times.

Anna Emery and Daksha have begun working on the donated screen so that it can be used to screen 'stuff' in the entry or as exhibition furniture

I put up a handcrafted brochure basket in the entry so that when the building is locked visitors can still get some basic info.

There is some movement on a 'garden team' to revise/update the women's circle garden, perhaps even to relocate it. There is also a need to improve the plantings at

the south side, hopefully to include much of the jug-sown plants. Carol Simonton and Susan Merrill are keen to do this project.

ADDITIONS

Scott Koester hopes to begin painting in June.

Discrete work projects will be initiated on an 'invite' basis, not an open call for help on a workday. They include; relocate logs on north side, remove duct work and patch floor and hole in wall, build 2 pedestals, top existing paths with wood chips and designate 2 new paths from parking area, remove moss from roof, remove banking, rake driveway, winter stick pick up.

It is estimated that the next building phase will cost about \$15,000.

Program Team Report

- Discussed audio-visual equipment and technician. There were suggestions for who we might recruit to spell Tony and where we might seek advice if we choose to update the equipment.
- We set a date for a Reggie Harris concert June 29. This is not a fundraiser. Rob Shetterly will join Reggie.
- Informed that newsletters will now be posted on the website with a link in an email directing folks there. It was suggested that other mailing might go mailchimp. Ralph noted that this change will bring folks to browse the website and have access to much more info about RFS.
- Lisa will reserve the BHPL projector for the 5/19 program.



Ad Hoc Steeple Committee

Bec reports that she has been unable to connect with BUMC Building group. Bob Poole was unable to get a response from steeplechase people but will continue to pursue this.

Bec hopes to have for BOD May meeting costs of different options and what role UMC building committee will play in helping to design/fund this project. Also what does BOD need in order to make an informed decision by June for the future direction of the steeple.

Gallery Within

Recent shows have been well received. Daksha reports lack of response to request for gallery sitters from the larger RFS community. Gary and Lisa offered to help as sitters.

Karen expressed concerns about gallery records re: sales/payments. The gallery team will look into developing a better record system.

Old Business:

The insurance assessor has been a no show to date.

Safe Sanctuary Policy is being worked on by Bec, Gary and Gail and will be presented to BOD when ready for review.

Climate Change Conference

Ralph has expressed the need for closer communication between this group and the BOD. We hope to have a detailed report from the climate conference group by the May meeting. Bec has been instrumental in designing the conference brochure.

Callahan Mine Update:

After a few meetings by this group 3 focus levels have emerged.

- 1- Collect and locate existing information. The library stash seems to be missing and the reports housed at MERI/Shaw Institute are minimal.
- 2- Many archival tasks are needed to sort, copy, organize and store existing records.
- 3- Collect audio history. Since this meeting I've received a letter from a trained oral historian with some pertinent suggestions that will be shared with this group

New Business

Gary will look into a rapid response grant from United Methodist Foundation Grant Program and a regular grant (application due May 15) may be a future option.

The Gregors acknowledged Ralph's letter re: endorsement by RFS for their garden program.

Daksha discovered that RFS is not eligible for non-payment of ME sales tax and is seeking to use the tax # of BUMC for any items related to the physical structure as it is the property of BUMC.

BOD is hoping to find a new meeting time and a Doodle will be sent out soon.

Next meeting date TBD. Facilitator-Daksha Scribe- Lisa

Volunteer hours: Lisa 7.5, Daksha 58.5, Martha 5

