



Minutes: General Membership Meeting.
Plymouth Moose Lodge, Manomet Mass.
April 27, 2011

Officers and Directors present: J. Randolph Parker, president; Will Shain, vice president; Veronica Cooper, treasurer; James Pierson, secretary; Directors: Galen Green, Sandra King, Keven Joyce, Tina Manter, Russell Lee.

Meeting called to order at 7:44 PM by President Parker. Start was delayed by prior Cub Scout meeting. Vice president Shain spoke about the Plymouth Annual Town Meeting, progress to date, and the property insurance situation.

Treasurer Cooper spoke about the insurance bid from Nolan and Schelle: \$4627.20 for \$500,000 property insurance and \$2,000,000 liability insurance coverage. Will is seeking other proposals, as well.

The president then spoke about a number of the agenda items. Specifically, the need for the fundraiser as we go forward in anticipation of taking title to the property. Transfer is anticipated in the time frame of July 1. We will need to have insurance funding, and the insurance in place at that time. He also spoke about the appointment of an additional director from the selectmen's office and the site visit by Wendall Kalsow, a historical preservation architect.

The next order of business was a report from the treasurer. The current balance in our account is: \$1039.53. Of that amount, \$520 came from donations in memory of Mary Cerasuolo. Veronica then updated progress of the non-profit filing with the Secretary of State and the current 501(c)(3) status with the IRS. There was also discussion about the status of roof repair and weather infiltration on the structure.

President Parker asked for a waiving of the reading of the March 2nd general membership meeting, as they were posted for all to review and for a motion to accept. Motion to accept by Keven Joyce; second by Russell Lee. Motion passed unanimously.

Will Shain reported on the prospect of several grants and the ability to apply relative to our 501(3)C status. He intends to work on applications as soon as we become eligible. Sandy King also spoke about a newly identified grant source from AT&T.

Will announced that he has secured a corporate donation from Covidien Corporation in Mansfield in the form 30 sets of Haz Mat gowns and respirators for use during interior clean up.

Discussion then followed on a cleanup day for the exterior of the house and the grounds. Will Shain suggested the need for a cleanup party, and he will go forward with that plan. Any and all volunteers are welcome to

participate on Saturday May 7th. Randy spoke about an offer by Patrick Howard to pick up brush and yard waste and haul it to Balboni's recycling/reprocessing.

The next order of business was a presentation by Pilgrim Paranormal Research group regarding a request by the group to do a research investigation on the night of May 6, 2011 at the Simes House. Scott Salter of PPR explained the activities involved in conducting the investigation; the time frame that was being considered; and then accepted questions from our members and the board of directors. Keven Joyce motioned and Veronica Cooper seconded to take a vote on approval by the Board of Directors and the general membership as a binding vote to allow such activity. Amendment was offered by Pres. Parker that any approval be subject to the conditions of the Town and the Simes House Foundation. The motion was seconded by Will Shain. The amendment passed unanimously. A vote was then initiated on the main motion. Galen Green objected. The body agreed to allow Galen to speak at this time. After much discussion, a vote was taken on the main motion. The main motion passed with many ayes, four nays, and no abstentions.

Randy next presented an overview and update on the Friday the 13th Halloween dance and encouraged the members present and their friends to try and attend the function.

Will Shain then discussed some future fundraising activities. He presented a number of Christmas ornaments as possible fundraising items. He has had discussions with a firm that custom makes Christmas ornaments. He had a mockup of a three-dimensional ornament and sought the groups' opinion of this particular model. It was generally well received and he shall continue to do the research about this opportunity.

Keven Joyce noted that Simes House Foundation has been very noteworthy in its generation of information to the public. He encouraged us to keep this information forthcoming.

Keven Joyce then made a motion and Sandy King second the motion to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
James Pierson, Secretary