



Minutes: Simes House Foundation general membership meeting

Plymouth Moose Lodge, Manomet, Mass.

May 18, 2011

Officers and Directors present: J. Randolph Parker ,President; Will Shain, Vice President; James Pierson, Secretary; Directors: Jeff Metcalf, Galen Green, Keven Joyce, Tina Manter, Russell Lee.

- Meeting called to order by Pres. Parker at 7:45 PM.
- Veronica Cooper, treasurer, was unable to attend. Will Shain reported treasury balance of \$4175 based on email received from Veronica prior to the meeting. Discussion of need to more formally maintain "the books" and need for non-profit accounting software. Quickbooks recommended by B. Husted; Veronica looked into Black Baud (higher end software package), but too expensive. Will agreed to look into cost of acquisition of QuickBooks Non-profit. No further treasurer's report.
- No reading of the April 27 general membership minutes. This was tabled to the next meeting.
- Will Shain spoke about the need for the next cleanup day and reported that Jim Hoagland had cut down many trees on the property. Jim will do more as weather permits.
- Will invited Rob Quick to speak about cleaning up inside. He strongly urged that some type of a hygienic service evaluate and make recommendations prior to any cleanup. No action taken at this time.
- Galen Green spoke about the lack of progress on the roof and windows and the need to continue prodding the roofer. Randy planned to touch base with Town Hall Administration to determine what the delay might be. Will offered to make contact with Fantasia Roofing to confirm if delay was because they were waiting on \$650 check prior to starting the job.
- Randy reported that Pilgrim Paranormal Research is working up the results of their survey. They will discuss the results with the Board of Directors before releasing any information to the public. Randy likes what he has seen so far.
- Randy, then reported on his efforts to move the conveyance process along , and he hopes to see results by the end of this month. Randy then turned meeting over to Will Shain as Randy had to attend another commitment.
- Will Shain spoke on his efforts to date regarding the obtaining of grant money. All grant applications under consideration require 501(c)3 status to be granted before applying. Therefore, we cannot submit any grants until the application is accepted. Most promising is a grant opportunity from Entergy Corporation up to \$10,000. While a grant is possible from Home Depot, It would be in the form of a debit card for materials. Will has determined that Mass Historical Preservation requires an applicant meet certain historical restrictions that will have to be evaluated by SHFI before accepting funds for routine historical preservation or emergency repairs. Because of these restrictions, we may or may not want to accept such funding.
- Will Shain presented Keven Joyce with the scratch tickets that he won at the Halloween dance. Keven promptly offered to share the winnings 50-50. No word on the results yet.
- Mary Ellen Parker, discussed the workings of another possible fundraiser. This would be an early fall, clambake on the site of the Simes house. No action taken at this time.

- During an open session for comments, Kevin Doyle expressed the need for better notification and lead time about meetings. He also expressed concerns about some new members not receiving any notifications to date. He also suggested that we erect a sign on the property "marketing" our effort and thanking all agencies and groups that have worked with SHFI.
- At this point, the meeting broke down into a generalized discussion and subsequently ended with no formal adjournment.