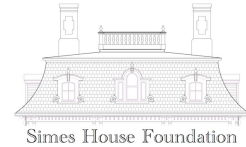


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Simes House Foundation general membership meeting March 19, 2015

Directors present: Keohan, Parker, Williams, Pierson, W. Shain, Green, Metcalfe

Directors absent: B. Shain, Manter, King, Welker

Approximately 36 members plus directors plus one baby present.

Call to order at 7:05pm

Officers introduced.

Acknowledgement of proper notification via website, blast email and Facebook.

President's report

House weathered winter well. Acknowledges work of Fundraising Committee, Christmas decoration of house. Received notification from Plymouth Assessors of non-profit exemption for St. Catherine's Chapel Park but not for Simes House; will appeal to State Appellate Tax Board.

Treasurer's report

Welker ill, report read by Shain.

SHFI enjoyed a successful 2014. Excluding St. Catherine expenses, reported net income of \$4700 compared to loss of \$1800 in 2013. This is due to increased fundraising and membership drive. We have a 20 percent increase in members to 145 members. 2015 expense will be impacted by conveyance. Bank balance \$5900 with \$5000 restricted. Insurance due in April. St. Catherine endowment in Vanguard performed well to date. Up to date in all filings.

Motion to accept by Green. Metcalfe second. Vote is unanimous in favor.

Secretary report

Vote to waive reading of minutes from Sept. 19, 2014.

Randy Parker notes revisions on hard copy.

Motion to accept by Parker. McSharry second. Vote is unanimous in favor.

Grants/events committee report

Given by chair Margaret McSharry.

Copy attached.

Motion to accept by Randy Parker. Second by Metcalfe. Discussion. Vote unanimous in favor.

St. Catherine's Chapel Park report

Given by Metcalfe.

Recent graffiti noted; signs have vinyl coating, sign more heavy duty so they can be cleaned easier, essentially graffiti proof, thanks to Piersons for cleaning. Will check electric in spring, lights not working late last fall. Spring cleanup before Memorial Day, will advise of date.

Randy Parker notes for financial planning, should reserve dollars for mulching in beds.

Metcalfe notes volunteers help cut expenses. Mowing will be \$100 a week, total about \$5000 Kevin Joyce, Randy Parker notes St. Catherine's stays with SHFI if Simes House property is conveyed to the town.

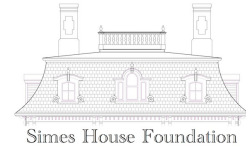
Mary Ellen Parker asks about dedication of the park. Metcalfe says the donor talked about it, will approach her again.

New business

Conveyance of Simes House property to the Town of Plymouth

Pierson: In February, at the Board meeting, it was informed of CPC request to return Simes House property to the Town of Plymouth and that CPC would withhold further funds. The CPC demand was

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received in writing after a SHFI request. The Simes board asked more explanation from CPC. A subsequent CPC letter didn't yield much more information. Unable to present our side to CPC and unable to go forward, the Board voted to enter into negotiations for conveyance.

Pierson reads the recommended motion from the Board of Directors regarding the request from the Community Preservation Committee:

Motion: To approve authorization for the Board of Directors to enter into negotiations with the Town of Plymouth regarding the conveyance of the Simes House property and development of a related Letter of Understanding.

Pierson notes that a Letter of Understanding (LOU) would detail access to property for events. The Board's motion received a 9-0 affirmative vote.

Motion to approve by Randy Parker. Shain seconds.

Discussion

Pierson clarifies that working out conveyance is one issue, access a second issue.

Karen Keane says selectmen are ready to accept, and turn to Plymouth Antiquarian Society (PAS).

Motion to amend by Keane: To return Simes House to the Town of Plymouth as a gift from Simes House Foundation Inc. to the town with a Letter of Understanding that the Foundation can have access to the grounds for fundraising purposes based on accessibility. Second by Frank Collins.

Further discussion

Keohan clarifies it would be a gift from SHFI to Town of Plymouth accepted as gift. Town can license to PAS. Plan is to stabilize by fall with PAS, go to fall Town Meeting for the rest of the work. SHFI could continue to use property so on completion SHFI could resume its role. It would then be land lease for 100 years as was done was done at Arts Center.

Metcalf says an attorney has been retained to create conveyance documents, and Keohan affirms this, asking no contingencies, except access. He notes the need to get stabilize during summer cycle before fall Town Meeting. The documents would be review by both boards (SHFI and Selectmen).

Ida Parker suggests making the gift first and then review documents. Keohan says CPC cannot accept as gift, selectmen must, noting time is of essence for getting electricity, heat, fire suppression in place by fall Town Meeting to show progress by CPC, SHFI, and the town.

Pierson notes he wants full membership vote to make conveyance.

Keohan says CPC attorney would draw up documents beginning the next day.

Shain moves the question. Collins notes original motion needs vote.

Vote on original motion: 27 in favor, 9 opposed.

Vote on motion as amended: 27 in favor, 9 opposed.

Randy Parker moves to adjourn at 8:36pm.

Submitted,
Paul A Williams
Secretary