

Claiborne General Meeting Minutes
August 21st, 2021

Welcome - 20 total members in attendance.

Approval of minutes from the April General Meeting

Treasurer's Report:

Money Market: \$13,898.21

Endowment: \$5,320.03

Endowment Committee update:

- Leslie Smith joined the committee
- Recommendation to shift money - we currently have 70% in stocks and 30% in bonds and the committee would like to shift this to 75% in stocks and 25% in bonds. This will allow for a greater return on investment with minimal increase in risk.

Old Business

Continued work on the Hall

- Completed the mailbox move
- Fans have been installed
- Insulation was installed in the annex
- Motion detectors were installed
- The ramp has been built to ADA compliance

- More recently, the level of the sidewalk has been raised at the Hall to address water drainage issues.
- Rob has put many hours into updating the website and it is looking great.
- Stage lights have been purchased for the Hall. Installation is pending.

Program Committee

- Ladies have been meeting on Mondays at the Hall with a good turnout. Will move to outdoor events at the dock due to most of the US experiencing HIGH spread of COVID-19.
- Looking to schedule the picnic in the fall when the weather is cooler.
- 4th of July parade and ice cream social was a success. Many thanks to Linda for her parade route suggestion.
- Still limiting use of the Hall, though we do have some events on the calendar. Events are based on the recommendations of the CDC and following COVID case loads for Talbot County and health department recommendations. This means as recommendations change, events may need to be cancelled.

Building Committee

Anticipated projects

- Replace front door & lock on the main Hall
- Complete the planned orchard - there is already money in the budget for this.
- Replace front steps/landing in the main Hall
- Insulate the main Hall
- Install gutters
- Purchase a storage shed
- Purchase a generator that will allow the Hall to function as a Resilience Center. Can we also have Atlantic BB hardwire the facility for education classes and connection needs during natural disasters? In the past they have only wanted to provide us with high speed internet as a business but maybe with our Resiliency plan in place they will reconsider. John Scott nominated himself to this project.
- Replace the trim around the bell tower - has already been purchased, is just waiting for the install.

Landscaping Committee

- The orchard is in progress and we've had a wonderful group of volunteers making sure everything gets watered regularly
- Jo's garden is in progress with the money that has been donated in her honor.

Claiborne Clarion

- Linda will do a column for giveaway items so everyone can post the items they want to get rid of.

Budget

- Discussion of increasing the membership fee, but since we raised it from \$5 to \$10 this past year, we will keep the \$10 fee for the time being. However, if people want to increase their membership cost, they can absolutely donate more.
- Board members will also reach out personally through notecards to those who have held memberships in the past but have lapsed.
- Budget was approved by the attending members.

No additional nominations for board members

Votes were cast by poll.

John Scott suggested we devote a wall in the Hall to decorating with photos of Claiborne residents past and present.