

Claiborne Village Board Meeting 12/11/12

IN ATTENDANCE: Molly Bond, Jake Flory, Martha Hamlyn, Mary Gregorio, Judy Harrald, Jesse Murphy, Jim Richardson. Kirke Harper is out of town.

CALL TO ORDER: Jim Richardson called the meeting to order at 7:10pm

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER MEETING: Minutes approved

TREASURER'S REPORT: Molly reported that we have 3828.23 in the account. An additional \$200. will be deposited. \$400 fee paid for the septic system permit.

Libby Moose has requested financial statements from the Board; Molly has created the statements; they were reviewed and approved by the Board.

Treasurer's report approved.

OLD BUSINESS: A/ PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Jim reported that approximately 80 fund-raising letters were distributed; the idea was to encourage people to make end-of-the-year donations.

A special thank you to Judy and Jack Harrald who purchased (Jim Richardson's) Arts in Easton banners depicting the Village Hall and donated them to the Village Hall.

We have submitted an application for a septic system permit.

Program Coordinator: Discussion - the tasks of program coordinator have been handled by a few people, but it would be nice to have a person who would be able to handle the role. Responsibilities would include maintaining a calendar of events; finding volunteers to assist with events, etc.

Contra dance and Pot luck – held on 11/17/12 Discussion - having the two combined worked well, but did end the dinner quickly and might have resulted in some people leaving prematurely. We might want to consider having dance combined with dessert rather than dinner.

Claiborne's first movie night: 20-some people attended and enjoyed The Triplets of Belleville! Thank you to Rennie and Kirke for setting up the projector and speakers. Board made a decision that we would not have a movie this week due to busy holiday schedules. Someone has offered to donate a sound system (surround sound); Jim and Jake will arrange to pick up the system.

Christmas Pot Luck – scheduled for Saturday, December 15th at 6:00pm Barbara Reisert acted as Mrs. Claus last year; Martha will contact Barbara to see if she would like to take the role again this year. **Music:** Chris Noyes said she would like to lead singing if she is available; Jim will contact Chris to see if she is available.

Discussion: the possibility of creating a temporary entrance to the annex porch to allow for wheelchair accessibility; agreed that we want a safe method of entrance.

Sarah will be point person to determine what will work best for Mary Steinberger.

Septic system application/bathroom: there is a good possibility we will be able to have a septic permit. Costs for installation will be significant. Agreed that we

would like to invite Wayne Sutphin to the Pot Luck on Saturday. Judy will e-mail Kirke to ask him to contact Wayne and extend the invitation.

Port-a-potty will be removed after the Pot Luck. (Kirke)

B/ VILLAGE HALL PROGRAMS:

- Pot Luck – December 15th
- yard sale – December 15th

- **Movie night – 12/19/12**

- **possibly a yard sale to be held at the end of December.**

NEW CLARION EDITOR: John Scott - January

NEW BUSINESS: Jake indicated that a contact of his might be interested in making a donation. Jake will take a fund-raising letter to him and will direct him to the website to give him some idea about the community association.

Jesse – sidewalk estimate: sidewalk street to the main entrance: \$4000 to remove the concrete and lay brick with wings; sidewalk going to the annex:

approximately \$5000 to \$6000 using an historic-style brick. for plants – trees (5) \$150. each; 70 shrubs at 12.50/ea; 160 perennials @\$4.60 each leaf grow – \$100 and mulch - \$100 (\$2545.) Project total: approximately \$12,000 to \$13,000

Discussion: Board agreed that it is important to have a new walk to the front entrance, but acknowledges the budgetary limitations at this time. Discussed other options for creating a new entrance. Agreed to reconsider the plan in the light of potential end-of-year donations. Special thanks to Jesse for taking the time to create a beautifully-detailed plan and estimate.

Donation of furniture, etc.: Board agreed that any donations to the Village Hall must be approved by the Board to avoid taking in more than can be reasonably used/managed. The Board did not feel that ‘guidelines for use of the building’ is necessary at this time; discussion may be more relevant after a Program Coordinator emerges.

Martha raised a question about how young people in town might be better served by the Village association; Jesse will pose the question to Danielle.

Carrie Kabler may have some ideas about this as well. Briefly discussed the possibilities for using the space for making crafts, music, tutoring, etc.

Year-end receipt letters – Molly will let us know how many need to be done and Board members will share the responsibility with her for writing them. January 8th – next meeting. TO DO: (Martha) – will send financial statement to Libby Moose; will contact Barbara Reisert to see if she would be Mrs. Claus again this year. (Jim/Jake) – arrange to pick up donated sound system; (Jim) will contact Chris Noyes to see if she is able to take the lead on providing music for the potluck. (Judy) – e-mail Kirke and ask him to extend an invitation to Wayne Sutphin to the potluck. (Kirke) – will arrange for port-a-potty to be removed after the Pot Luck on Saturday. (Jake) – follow up with potential donor (letter/website) (Jesse) – solicit feedback from Danielle and Carrie Kabler about how children might use the Village Hall. Note: I spoke to Sarah this morning and asked her to talk with Mary S. about what assistance she is most comfortable with to attend events.