

CLAIBORNE ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING - MINUTES

January 9, 2018

Submitted by Terry Babb

In Attendance: Rob Todd, Kirke Harper, Steve Friedberg, Terry Babb, Bill Sewell, Abby West, Pat Flory – and Pete Gregorio joined later

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. Rob requested that the December minutes clarify the dollar amount of funds received for the sale of the pews. The amount in hand is \$575 – not \$775 – with the additional \$200 due to come in for pews not yet picked up. Kirke moved that the minutes for December board meeting be accepted with the clarification, second by Abby and approved by vote.

Fundraising

- Kirke was congratulated on the very successful fundraising campaign. It is remarkable seeing the generosity of both time and money.
- The drive is still going on and during September, October and early December there has been \$26,275 in cash contributions, including the match.
- Kirke had cards made with a photo of the hall and will send out personal notes.

Plaques on Windows

- When the opportunity to purchase individual windows was made at the 2015 picnic it was presented as having a plaque on each window. One window in particular was purchased to honor another individual and Judy wrote a letter to that individual acknowledging the gift.
- Judy emailed a list of the window purchasers and Terry will search for it and forward on to Rob.
- Pete said he will do a prototype of a plaque.
- There have been so many donors of other items that want to acknowledge in the hall, including subcontractors. Kirke is keeping a list.
- Bill Sewell brought a picture he got the Historical Society of the ferry with a group of people that included his father. We can frame it and hang in the hall with the other historical photos.

Treasurer's Report

- Money Market account has a balance of \$42,188.31 and the checking account \$15,594.07.
- Steve now has the tax exempt certificate so we should not pay tax on items purchased for the hall.
- Kirke said in February there will be a check for \$750 from Choptank Electric Trust that has to be payable to the HVAC/Tim Green.

Renovation Budget

- Looking at income and expense, in November we were \$19,000 short and now we are \$1,200 to the good if everything comes in as budgeted. Will reviewed the renovation estimates and made changes that should now be more accurate.

- The sidewalk is back in at \$8,000 but could be pulled back out and delayed. It also does not include the orchard that will need to be funded at \$5,000.

Building Update

- Will spoke with the drywall installer and was able to lower the estimate to \$3,500.
- The plumbing inspection should occur by the end of the week and then insulation can start.
- Kevin Garber offered his van to transport the cabinets and Steve can store them until needed.

Program Committee

- Movie night will start but no programs are being planned because of the construction activity.
- Discussed a grand opening celebration and inviting people from outside the community, contractors and county representatives.
- The Christmas movie night was successful and plans are underway for next year.

Chair Committee

- After looking at various options including the rental company plastic chairs, the committee recommends the purchase of a very nice folding chair with mesh seat and back. It is the same chair the library purchased - very comfortable and light weight but sturdy. Price is \$219 for a package of 4 chairs. The purchase of 28 chairs for \$1,500 could be paid for using the budgeted item for furnishing.
- There was discussion that this item in the budget was put in to buy a table and chairs in the annex and that these chairs could be used in the annex and moved around very easily when needed for an event.
- Kirke made a motion to accept the recommendation of the committee, including the use of the budgeted furnishing item. Second by Rob and approved by vote.

Traffic Calming

- Kirke has scheduled meeting with the country traffic engineer, Mike Murtaugh. The road superintendent is not available. Purpose is to thank them for lowering speed limit in the village and talk about additional items such as a sign "reduced speed ahead", a 25 mph sign on the landing road and also whether it makes more sense to change the stop signage at the landing road.
- It was questioned whether this was something the association should be involved in. Rob pointed out that there are some good opportunities that will only happen if the association pursues them. For something like this Kirke would come back from the meeting to report on the reactions of the county and any ideas would be brought back to the community and a special meeting scheduled.

Meeting adjourned 8:30