

Reversing Falls Sanctuary 3 in 1 Meeting January 21, 2014
Convener, Anne Ferrara; Opening meditation, Gary Vencill
14 present

Finance Team Report:

Checking account balance, \$8628.18

Appeal letter sent in December generated \$2755.00

Grants being pursued:

Maine Community Foundation/Community Grant/Hancock County Fund

Maine Next Generation Fund

Community Food grant

Stephen Tabitha King Fund

Quimby Family Foundation

United Methodist Church, Northern Maine District, NE Conference

Immediate Focus will be on looking for a grant to cover the Art/Agriculture Program

Building Team:

Current Projects:

Cellar Hatchway

Temporary covering of vents in floor in preparation for use of ozonators for mold remediation.

Researching whether to rent or purchase ozonator.

Discussion of mold remediation at this 3 in 1 meeting noted that some people are still reporting being affected by the mold. Request to Building team to have ozonators used before the Lenten Series, 3/19. Week of 3/2 - 3/9 is a time the building will be vacant of programs/meetings.

Future projects:

Heat Pump

Wall insulation

Carpet (area) to improve acoustics

Testing for lead paint

Focus Team to investigate means of art displays

Program Team:

Copies of upcoming programs distributed; also available on our website

Gerry Bryan announced plans for a new program, a Cinema Club with the book LOVE 2 as guide to planning and discussion of films viewed. Large or small groups of people getting together to watch movie and then discuss. The program could also be taken to shut-ins.

Report of small group meeting (Anne Ferrara, Chris Farrow-Noble, Ralph Chapman, Pat Wheeler) on designing and implementing a decision-making process for our leadership circle.

This sub-group explored several decision-making processes, focusing on the Circle and Consensus models. Strategies for conflict resolution were also discussed. Coming up with a dollar amount that each team could decide to spend on one of its projects, without

getting approval from the large group, was suggested. This amount needs to be voted on by the large group. It was suggested that there be an “oversight or go-to” group when one is having difficulty with issues within a team. This would probably be composed of 3 persons, one from each team. The importance of community-building within the leadership circle was emphasized so that trust and comfort could grow as we get to know each other better. The proposal was made to have alternate monthly meetings: a business meeting followed the next month by a social gathering, preferably around a meal.

New business:

"Bulletin Board" - Use of e-mails. Some people prefer to just receive program notifications. Gary will send an email to those on our email list asking them to select their preference and then 2 lists will be compiled.

Web newsletter - 1 newsletter has been sent. Format continues to be developed. Approx. 30 people on mailing list do not have computer access and will receive the newsletter by postal mail

Communication - Request that all teams post minutes and dates of meetings on the RFS website using the internal page.

Buck's Market - Concern for the workers and the well-being of the community as affected by the closing of Buck's Market until May, and then again next fall/winter. Need for conversations as to how we can support the Market remaining open. Gary will speak with a person on the Market staff with hope of further discussions and support/action from this group and the wider community

The need for Community Building as an important aspect of our mission was discussed. Planning and organization cannot exist on a continued basis without the bonding and trust that comes with building community and social opportunities.

Therefore, it was decided that the next meeting will be all fun and conversation...

Tuesday, February 18, 4pm Pot-Luck dinner at home of Anne and Tony Ferrara

Gail Vencill, Recorder