

RFS 3 in 1 Meeting, May 20, 2014 Meeting Notes

Gary Vencill, convener, opened the meeting with a reading from Rebirthing the Divine, a brochure for the Down East Spiritual conference to be held in July in Castine at MMA

Karen Adamo, treasurer, reported \$8724.68 in the checking account.

Several months ago the Finance Team accepted the gift of a 16' dory given by pastor Ralph Greene, Brooksville UMC, for use as a fundraiser. The dory has now been transported from Dedham to the Pascal home on Wharf Road via a U-Haul truck at a cost of \$199.08. The dory is either "The" or "a" Tidely Idley pictured in the McCloskey book, Burt Dow: Deep Water Man. Tom Adamo volunteered to call a member of the McCloskey family for the purpose of authenticating the dory. The team will then consider either selling or auctioning the dory. (note: Since the meeting Tom has traced the history of the original Tidely Idley through McCloskey family and previous owners of the original dory and the dory we have is NOT the original)

Daksha Baumann raised a question from the Finance Team asking for clarification of the amount of money the 3 in 1 group had authorized for the art hanging and lighting system. Pat Wheeler read from minutes that the group had previously decided to fund the amount needed to complete the project. Review of minutes also clarified that a previous vote was to remove the wall sconces and the present hanging lights. The ceiling fans would remain. Carol Gregor will call for specs for the track lighting and forward the report to the Building Team. We are awaiting formal notification of the award of grant money toward the hanging system and track lighting. It is anticipated that we will receive \$3200. The estimated total for the project is \$6000 (note: since this meeting Daksha has received formal notification of grant money in the amount of \$3200 leaving \$2800 to be funded from our treasury)

Two fund raisers have been scheduled. A Flash in the Pans Concert will be held at the Community Center in South Brooksville on Tuesday, July 7. RFS is a co-sponsor with the Community Center. A recent meeting was held with representatives of the Community Center to begin organizing the event. Doug Cowan, who attended the meeting, reported that the Community Center will sell Hamburgers, hot dogs and (?) soda. The RFS Program and Finance teams are discussing options for fundraising at the event in addition to donations received for admission.

Doug also spoke of the facility the Community Center has available for public use and suggested we consider having some of our programs there as a way to attract people from that area. The Flash In the Pans concert in July, and a concert by the Brooklin Band on Tuesday, August 19th, will both be held at the Community Center Other suggestions of possible venues were made with the idea that by doing programs in surrounding towns we would be more inclusive and more people would become aware of the scope of our vision and mission. There were no decisions beyond the 2 events already scheduled

Dick Kane has offered to compose an appeal letter to be mailed in August. It was suggested that the opportunity to fund a particular project or part of a project and the opportunity to make a pledge instead of a one time donation be included in the letter.

Further discussion centered around suggestions from the Building Team for preservation, maintenance and improvements with health and safety issues given priority. Those present agreed that repair of the steeple (hole in the roof/water damage) and the belfry is an emergency situation. The questions was raised as to whether or not the entire steeple would have to be removed for the necessary repairs. Dick Gregor will contact Mike Hewes and Albert Novakk for assessment and estimate of cost.

The parking area in front and side of the Sanctuary is 2nd priority (after steeple/belfry repair) for providing for health and safety. At the request of the Building Team, Jamie Gross of Penobscot assessed the area, recommended excavating to drop the present dirt by 8-12" and then having suitable gravel applied at a cost of \$1500-\$2000. Tom Adamo will call Jamie Gross for the purpose of obtaining more specific information. This group asked that Building Team to obtain 2 more estimates. Gail Vencill will contact Ralph Chapman and ask him to arrange for a site inspection and estimate from Larry Dow. Doug Cowan will get an estimate from Mike Fowler.

The deed for property given by Bob and Annie Poole for land adjacent to the Sanctuary has not been received (although it has been completed.) Ralph Chapman has agreed to contact Bob Poole for further information. The deed needs to be on file before any work is done on the ground and any work done to the parking area should be included in a long range plan/vision. To that end, Carol and Dick Gregor suggested a system using gray water and a composting toilet as a cheaper alternative than bringing water and indoor plumbing to the building. Those present agreed to consider that option and it will be discussed further.

Laying a new floor in the Sanctuary is not a necessity and will be postponed until other projects are funded. Interest has been expressed in painting the floor as a colorful, artistic, clean way to finish it in the interim. No decision.

A copy of upcoming events was distributed the Program Team:
June 15, Community Building Event for 3 in 1 group. Potluck supper
June 21, Solstice Celebration with labyrinth walk at the noble's at 9am and bonfire in evening at Wasson-Tapley Farm
June 22, Paget, Shetterly and Hendrick report on trips to Palestine
July 7, Flash in the Pans Concert at the Community Center
July 10 and August 10, Full Moon Walks at Alice's Field (weekly labyrinth walks on Thursdays, 10-11am)
August 19, Brooklin Band concert at Community Center

3 in 1 Meetings 3rd Tuesday of every month at RFS. **Next meeting June 17, 5pm**
Gail Vencill, recorder

