

3 in 1 meeting, 6/17/15

Present: Anne and Tony Ferrara, Martha Jordan, Christ Farrow-Noble, Daksha Baumann, John Miller, Gail and Gary Vencill

Facilitator: Anne Ferrara

Recorder: Gail Vencill

Opening: Communal reading of the poem, *Turning to One Another*

For affirmations of what has been accomplished in the past year:

Building and grounds;

Programs and events

And a look ahead

See end of report

New business:

Finance Team-

Current balance/response to the Appeal Letter

Report form Karen Adamo, Treasurer. 2014 balance at end of year, \$8729.47. Balance as of May 26, 2015, \$6272.58. No response yet from recent appeal letter. Anne has extra appeal letters if individuals would like to send them to people they know who might contribute, people not on our RFS mailing list. In response to Karen's report it was noted that the \$1000 rebate for the heat pump was received and should be listed separately for business clarity and not included in donations. Monies from events and programs/fundraisers be listed separately, again for clarity and for future planning of events. Plate donations that are not from a big event or fundraiser in one category (i.e. donations received at Women's Group, Solstice, films etc.) Money received as donation/payment for the Window Dressers program needs to be listed separately from other donations because it has a specific purpose. Gail will contact Karen about these requests.

Monthly donation to BUMC

It had previously been decided to make a monthly donation to the Brooksville United Methodist Church, sponsor of RFS, but the amount not determined at that time. The decision today was to make a donation of \$100 a month with payments made twice a year, at the end of year (December) and June. Also voted to make the donation retroactive to January 2105 with \$600 to be sent at this time. Next payment December, 2015

Finding a "hub" person

A "hub" person was defined as a communication leader, one person who could be contacted for information. Discussion that this be

a paid, part-time position. Tony suggested that the website we have now be used as the vehicle for asking questions of team members and for obtaining public and team information. Another possibility presented by Daksha was that a VISTA person be sought for the purpose of setting up the process determined to be needed. At the present time communication is accomplished by phone calls, email and website entry by Kathleen Caldwell. The question remains, who do we call or who updates information. The first step in this direction is to create a job description.

People in attendance today agreed to submit their ideas to Chris Farrow-Noble by Sunday, June 21.

Chris will pool and/or prune those ideas into the basics of a job description. The job description would then be posted via the RFS email list. Wage would have to be decided based on the job description and estimated hours needed.

Finding/funding a cleaning person Chris Farrow-Noble will contact Laura Butler to ascertain her availability, offer her the position. \$25/hr. 2 hours, once a month. Anne Ferrara will meet with the individual who accepts the position to clarify responsibilities.

Buildings and ground team

Tuning of piano (? Who) check with Ralph Chapman, owner of piano. Tuning to be done before a planned musical event, not right now.

Gutter clean-out Tony will call Dan Huisjen to arrange

Dirt piles left from plowing Tony observed someone leveling grounds in the area of RFS and will stop to ask that person about coming to RFS to do our small job. Chris suggested a 2nd option to contact Steve McArthur.

Painting front of building Scaffolding needed. Repairs before painting. Names suggested as resources: Laura Moore; Peter Robbins; Matt Freedman; Rich Byrne

Platform repair and paint Needs further assessment. ? moving the piano to floor level for repairs/painting. Decision that platform work can wait.

Front all wainscoting paint Also needed, but not priority

Rear wall painting Needed, but not priority

Priority is being given to an earlier decision to have a labyrinth painted on the floor. Painting will be done week of August 3-7. Contact person Daksha Baumann.

Insulated window inserts for DR and large front windows of

Sanctuary Tony reported on the Window Dressing program and the need for community commitment. The project was affirmed and its potential compared to the Greenhouse project that spread to other towns therefore making an impact on climate change

possibilities. There will be cost to RFS as sponsor of the project, and need to coordinate the construction plans, food for workers. October, Community Center. RFS has ordered and will receive 2 window inserts for the front windows and for the windows in the dining area.

Program team: Upcoming events on website and attached

New Questions:

How do we get more young people involved? Interest generated by programs presented by Nick Larsson and Lila Roo, and Joshua McCarey. Possible play(s) by Josh involving other young people.

How do we restructure the leadership teams? A suggestion has been offered to make the Program Team (and whoever wants to participate) a board of directors or a steering committee. When specific tasks are defined, a task force could be created to plan and implement it. Considerable discussion about what has worked, what hasn't and what changes need to be made to keep our mission vital. The Program Team is well established and meets regularly. Building and Finance Teams have not met, or met with poor attendance. It was decided to form a steering committee made up of 2 people from the program team, 2 from finance (1 being treasurer, Karen Adamo) and 2 from Building Team. The Steering Team will meet quarterly and as needed. Anne Ferrara will send an email to the RFS mailing list asking those who have served on the teams in the past to indicate their desire to continue in that capacity or not. From those interested in continuing the steering committee will be comprised. Others not on the steering committee but still maintaining interest will be asked to be available as resource/definitive task people

Plan to make meeting minutes easily available. Deferred to Steering committee. One suggestion to compile minutes from previous team meetings into notebook for history and reference.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Vencill

A look around... (building and grounds)...we got a grant!!!!

- ❖ **Hanging system**
- ❖ **New lighting**
- ❖ **Walls, doors and floor painted**
- ❖ **Parking area improved and enlarged**
- ❖ **Heat pump installed**

A look back...

- **Flash in the Pans concert; Brooklin Band concert**
- **Labyrinth walks**
- **Monthly movie night**
- **Roots Raga evening with N. Larson and Lila Roo**
- **Weekly community sing**
- **Farm/Art Project: exhibit and evening with the writers**
- **Memorial service for Barbara Larson**
- **Monthly Women's Circle**
- **Spiritual Pilgrimage Workshop**
- **Equinox/Solstice celebrations**
- **Advent Spiral/Annie Poole's Advent Paintings and Twelfth Night**
- **Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial celebration**
- **Lenten series on Sacred Spaces/Times**
- ***Encoded Conversations: Fiber Arts Exhibit***
- **Fiber arts circle meeting twice a month**
- **Community Climate Change gathering**
- **Visit from the students at the White Mountain School, NH**
- **Author talk: Lecain Smith, *Our Inner Ocean*; Emily Blair Stribling, *The Mercy of Light***
- **Mystic series with Phoebe Phelps**
- **Celtic Service**
- **Screening of the dvd of *The Trial of Anne Hutchinson***
- **Launch of the Windowdressers project**

A look ahead...

- **Workshops on Racism: to be offered this summer at Tinder Hearth, facilitated by Nicky Larson**
- **Permanent labyrinth to be painted this summer**

- **Self-publishing workshop sponsored by RFS, to be held at the Blue Hill Memorial Library**
- **Joined Acadia Centennial Partners and will have an art exhibit in the summer of 2016**