

Notes of the Bethel Town Hall Committee  
June 24, 2010  
Bethel Library

In Attendance: Neal Fox, Janet Burnham, Chris Masters, Nick Nikolaidis, Joe & Carol DeFreitas

Neal called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM

Carol passed out a few copies of the chair selections given to us by Magee Office Plus. These had also been emailed to the members with email capability. There was discussion as to whether fabric or vinyl covered or solid vinyl chairs would be the most feasible. Most of us felt that the solid vinyl chairs would be the most practical, easiest to stack and take up the least amount of space in storage. There were a few solid vinyl chairs that looked like they would be fairly comfortable to sit on for extended periods of time. Paul Foley at Magee Office Plus suggested that we pick 2 of the most likely candidates and he would order one of each for us to see and try out before ordering. We didn't make any specific selection as it was felt that there weren't enough Committee members present to make a fair decision.

Tables were discussed and Nick estimated that to begin with, the Hall will need 12 6' Rectangular tables and 12 5' Round tables that would comfortably seat 8. The prices he has been quoted by Bethel Mills/Central Supplies are: \$46 each for the Rectangular tables and \$85 for the Round tables.

Carol is still waiting for information from her contact who buys out hotel/motel interiors for word on a large chandelier for the center of the Hall and utensils and china for the kitchen.

Nick Nikolaidis announced that he would donate a 7500 watt, battery start, Generator to the Bethel Town Hall to ensure that the Hall would have power to run the heating system should a power failure occur during cold weather. Nick also has a non-electrified Podium that needs refinishing that could be used in the Conference Room. Heidi and Nick also have some kitchen equipment, pots, pans, etc., that they are willing to donate.

The subject of a Podium, flagstaffs and bases was brought up by Neal and it was suggested that we write a request to the Bethel Area Rotary Club to see if they would be willing to donate money to purchase these items. It was suggested that if the Rotary Club agrees to underwrite their purchase that we should acknowledge their donation with a plaque of some sort on the Podium. Research had been done on the Podium and a Podium with speakers, lighting, microphones, wireless, recharger & multiple use outlets, is around \$800/shipping. 2 flagstaffs with eagles & bases would be around \$300.

The Lighting and Sound system was discussed and it seems that Del Cloud needs a third quote on this, therefore, Kep will be contacted to ask him to speak with Seth Stoddard about writing a third quote as Seth had previously told Kep that he could probably do the lighting and sound for less than the second quote Kep had told us about that was around \$25,000. Seth had offered to volunteer his time as long as we covered the cost of the supplies needed.

There was additional discussion regarding approaching the people that the Finance Committee thought would make substantial donations to the Bethel Town Hall Project. Carol suggested that perhaps we could get in touch with Del Cloud to inquire as to the feasibility of having a Wish List letter included with the Real Estate Tax bills when they are sent out. Carol will contact Del and find out if this is possible.

Mary Floyd had requested that in her absence we discuss what would be planned for opening festivities for the Town Hall. Some of the members present suggested having strictly Bethel talent for the gala planned: Keith Bush, pianist, Pea Pickers, Spencer Lewis, Dick McCormack, Julie Nelson, Jeanine Luttrell (sp?), Kep Taylor, and Janet had said that there was a wonderful Elvis impersonator who had graduated this past year from WHS, but she couldn't recall his name. No definitive plans were made in Mary's absence, only suggestions.

Just a reminder that the next "Walk About" will be on July 1st, at 12:00 Noon. Mark it on your calendar to come and see the progress that has been made in the past two weeks.

The next BTH Committee meeting was set for July 22, 2010, 7:00PM at the Bethel Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM.