

Notes of the Bethel Town Hall Committee
July 22,2010
Bethel Library

In Attendance: Neal Fox, Geneva Gaiko, Nick & Heidi Nikolaidis, Mary Floyd, Kevin Flynn, Sue & Greg Fedak, Chris Masters and Joe & Carol DeFreitas

Neal called the meeting to order at 6:55 PM.

Neal informed the committee that he had attended the construction meeting on Tuesday, July 20, 2010, and was told by the contractor that they expected to have the building completed by the last quarter of the month of August. The front doors are scheduled to be shipped around the 10th of August.

Moving the electrical boxes on the left hand side of the stage (facing the stage) would entail another \$1,900.00. This would be necessary to hang a draw type curtain as they would be behind the curtain if left in their present location.

Joe had talked with Robert Brier about hanging the Painted Curtain, however, Robert needed the exact measurements of the curtain to give us an accurate figure. Carol will get in touch with Janet Burnham to see if Janet knows the exact measurements.

Grant money was discussed and we will have to get in touch with Chris Hadsel to find out about applying for a grant to hang the Painted Curtain. It is a matching grant so we would have a certain amount of time to come up with matching funds. Bill Pollock, from Lilliesville area, had volunteered his services in applying for grant money. Chris had told us previously that there was supposed to be a class in September on how to write a grant.

The Bethel Area Rotary Club has donated \$1,100.00 for a podium and flagstaffs and bases for the Town Hall.

Additional speakers were discussed and the Hall is supposed to be wired for speakers to be put in at a later date when a sound system is installed in addition to the podium speakers. Del Cloud is supposed to get in touch with Seth Stoddard to find out about getting a price from Seth for a sound system for the Hall.

Neal asked Mary if she has talked to Keith Bush about getting a piano for the Hall and Mary said that she will contact Keith and see what he can find for us.

Someone (can't recall who) mentioned that Paul Feeney was still looking into the chair situation at his church.

Carol noted that the stage floor is in pretty bad shape and inquired as to whether that was in the plans for refinishing. Neal made a note of that and will look into it.

Heidi and Nick informed us that there needs to be a 36" space between the cabinets for a 6 burner commercial gas stove and that the cabinets that are now over the stove area will have to be removed as they are too low to accommodate a large pot that may need stirring. There is a cabinet presently situated over the fridge space that will have to either be raised or removed altogether to accommodate a commercial fridge.

Mary Floyd is working on putting an Entertainment Committee together. Suggestions were made by various members as to who she should contact to see if they would be interested in helping put on a Bethel-based performers show for the opening of the Town Hall. Neal said he would try and get in touch with Gayle Apprilliano as she had previously volunteered to help put together a show for us.

It was noted that we will need to have chairs before we can do too much in the way of entertainment.

Susie wanted to know whether rental fees had been set yet and Neal told her that the Select Board and the Town Manager are still working on that as there is such a variation in what different Halls charge for their usage.

Heidi was wondering when the Hall and Conference Room would be ready for use. Again, this all depends on when the Hall is done and all of the workmen have left the premises and occupancy permits are completed and approved.

Ideas for honoring the people who have donated to the Bethel Town Hall Restoration Project were fielded but nothing definitive was established.

Dates of August 12th and 26th were set for the next two meetings. Neal felt that it would be good to have another meeting in 2 weeks rather than wait for another month as the progress is picking up and the project is near completion.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55PM