Dunbarton Town Hall Restoration Project Citizens Committee

February 27, 2019 Meeting Minutes
Dunbarton Town Offices

Present: Margaret Watkins, Beth Boucher, Curt McDermott, John Stevens, Don Larsen, Shelley Westenberg, Bob Martel, Enid Larsen

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Margaret Watkins.

The minutes of the last Citizens Committee meeting were read, a motion was made to accept by Beth and seconded by Enid.

The ongoing concert series continues to be a great success with near capacity attendance. The next concert will be Saturday March 23 at 7:00 featuring Alisa Amador. The following months have been booked with these performers:
- April 27  Strangers By Accident
- July 13 Lisa Schneckenburger
- Aug 30 Whisper Train

Margaret urged people to send email blasts to friends informing them of the concerts.

John Stevens confirmed that Old Home Day will be August 17. Curt will check to see if any of the concert series musicians would be interested in playing at OHD and/or at Arts on the Common from 4:00~5:00 once the festival closes for the day, this will be for the enjoyment of the vendors as they close down their displays.

Margaret, Beth and Curt all volunteered to work shifts at the Arts on the Common. Shelley said she knows of someone who may be willing to cook at the festival. Margaret suggested a list of items needed for the fund raising baskets be sent to the Citizens Committee members to help in shopping for them.

It was suggested that the owners of the newly opened MG’s Farmhouse be approached for possible cross promotion at AOTC, also to discuss any possible parking issues that may arise during the two day festival.

The subject of a Go Fund Me page was discussed and Curt said it was best if we have a specific item we are trying to raise money for, the elevator seems to be the logical choice since it is a major expense.

Plans need to be finalized for the space before we can decide what specifically is needed. Curt suggested a sound system with power supply and speakers, and recommended we consult an expert for exact specifications.
Margaret said L Chip funds might be available for restoration of such items as the stairway or walkway, the town must do matching funds.

Bob said the town maintenance budget has gradually been raised for $75,000 to the present $200,000 and a portion of the funds this year will be used to do the electrical and fire suppressant of the upstairs. Needed repairs will be done each year with a target date of 2021 for putting the remaining repair expenses on a warrant article.

Shelley moved that we contact architect Dennis Mirer, who we have dealt with in the past, and get a proposal from his firm. It was seconded by Curt.

Beth moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Shelley, it was adjourned at 8:05.

Respectfully submitted.
Enid Larsen
Secretary