

TOWN HOUSE ADVISORY GROUP
MINUTES
11/21/19

Attending: Rocky Fuller, Chair, Curt Albee, Vice Chair, Paul Kifner, Overseer, Martha Manheim, Peter and Donna Hollinger, Tim Bergeron

1. Rental fees for the Town House events were discussed. The Board recommends the basic fees remain the same (\$600 for out of town users, \$400 suggested donation for in town users). Additional fees if audio services are required, a \$150 fee will be charged plus a \$150 cleaning fee. A fee schedule will be presented to the Selectboard for approval before adopting.
2. Rocky is in communication with Devon Coleman at the Vermont Historic Preservation Trust about the planning of the electrical upgrades that we are working on. Rocky showed the group a photo of the oil lantern chandelier that hung from the soundboard from the late 1800's. He will send this photo electronically to the group.
3. Photo Show: Donna received 12 responses to her call for entries. Many questions remain about how to hang, install, or otherwise display the work. A possible theme was considered to be "individual artist's work" leaving considerable freedom for the content. Event to be held 5/30/20 at our annual fund raising gathering starting at 4:30. Beer tent and food outside. No music at this event. Donations will be encouraged but the art may not be for sale.
4. Repairs and Maintenance: Rocky reported that winterization of the backhouse is complete. Antifreeze was added to the liquid tanks instead of pumping out. Still waiting for Eli Mintz to get back to us on removing the half dead maple tree on the east side of the building.
5. Grant ideas: Martha suggested finding a board member who can find grant writers. We are seeking around \$2,000 to help offset TH entertainment for 2020. Rocky will contact Therese Linehan to ask her for advice.
6. Budget: \$20,000 was budgeted for this current year. \$12,000+/- has been spent to date. Any money left will be added to the reserve fund. THAG suggests the Town budget \$15,000 for next year.
7. Still waiting to confirm with Jeff Wilmont about the lantern painting for next year.
8. Next regular meeting will be January 23, 2020 at Martha Manheim's at 7 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tim Bergeron