

Town House Advisory Group

Meeting: Thursday Sept. 22nd, 7pm 2016 at Martha Manheim's

Present:

Martha Manheim, Therese Linchan, Russ Farley, Steve Handy, Silas Treadway, Paul Kifner, Curt Albee, Rocky Fuller, Steve Wilbanks and Lori Mikusa

Rocky called the meeting to order at: 7:06 pm

1) Spire Update:

We'll meet with Steve Quinn, from Skyline Engineering, after the 1st of October. We need a realistic estimate and plan for repairs.

Skyline has it's own 130 ft. crane, which may help to keep the cost down.

We will look into other options for the repair and gilding of the weather vane.

Metal shingles for the roof of the tower is an option that is being considered.

We will have to check with Historic Preservation, to make sure that would be acceptable if we will be pursuing grant funding.

2) Paul:

Paul reports that we had a great season of Concerts on the Common.

How to make more money at the concerts?

Possibly have a sponsor for each show.

T-shirts, for sale perhaps.

Wren Song had a wonderful show, and a good turn out.

Paul said many bands and groups call him wanting to play at the Town House.

How to combine food and music, with the most money going towards the Town House?

July Birthday party, had an extra \$5.00 charge, to cover birthday cake and ice cream.

Paul is working with Michael Caduto, at the Homestead on securing a grant for more sound equipment.

Hoping to mount the new speakers to the wall some way.

Looking into drawing big names, with hopes to get underwriters, so we can pay the performers. Therese will follow up on this.

3) Events, past and present:

Past Events: Wren Song, Beer Tasting, Lions Club, Concerts, Orange Co. Democrats.

4) Fund raising options

Applying for various grants

Tours of the Town House attic

Appeals Letter/ please include visuals, with specific need request

5) Revenue from this years events:

\$3,100.00 (includes donations)

6) Outside Lighting issues

Rocky spoke with Tom Root to install a new fixture for the floodlights, as one is non-functional

7) Backhouse: Fall maintenance:

Silas will disconnect the pump, the power vent will remain running.

8) Other Business:

Steve W. asked about new candle style lights for the windows, for the winter months.

Therese will look into this.

Lori asked that we make a suggestion to the Select Board, to refer requests, for any new plantings (trees, shrubs, etc.) on the Town House grounds to be presented to THAG, before granting permission.

Steve Handy has done an amazing job as docent for the Town House. Thanks Steve! There will be no more open hours this fall.

Lori will connect with Steve H to prune the ornamental trees in front of the TH.

Next meeting: Thursday October 20th at 7:00 pm at Martha's.