

Minutes of Bethel Town Hall Finance Committee

March 27, 2008  Bethel Public Library at 7 p.m.

Present were committee members Amy Bergamo, Chris Masters, Janet Burnham, Rick Benson, Mary Floyd, Geneva Gaiko, and Joe DeFreitas.

Lisa Hill of the Whitcomb Boosters donated ¼ page of the “Little Bethel Phonebook” to the Bethel Town Hall. Victoria Weber and Davis Dimock suggested using a graphic of the town hall and a “THANK YOU BETHEL”. This was agreed to by the committee and Amy Bergamo will follow up by e-mailing the graphic and ad to Lisa Hill.

The committee discussed the open house for contractors mentioned at the last meeting as a way to involve local businesses in the Bethel Town Hall Project. It was felt that this should go forward although Joe DeFreitas suggested that it be open to all interested contractors, not specifically those from Bethel. Joe also felt that bonding may not be necessary. Winslow Ayer agreed to help with this at the meeting in February and will be contacted. It was also suggested that we advertize the walk-through when a date is determined.

Janet Burnham mentioned the Frank Taplin Memorial Fund and that those contributions would be considered part of the 1982 Campaign. This was acceptable as long as separate records are kept and we know who contributed to the Memorial Fund. Janet also mentioned Brandon’s successful Paint the Town Project, and suggested that Bethel have its own Paint the Town Project. She suggested the theme of “Bethel Blooms”, but encouraged any idea.

Nick Nikolaidis will have a table at his stamp show on May 24th. Amy and Chris Masters have agreed to man the table that will have the Town Hall Model, newsletters, and the video on display. Nick has also donated commemorative covers that we can sell.

Mary Floyd will hold the Bethel Town Auction sometime in the fall to early Christmas season.

Rick Benson reminded the committee that the Alumni association will do a mailing, and the Window Project (having contributors pay for a window) might be something that Whitcomb alumni would be interested in. Amy will e-mail Laz Scangas to see if the cost of a window has been determined.

Janet Burnham and Joe DeFreitas discussed the walk-through by the Department of Labor and Industry. The balcony can hold 49 people and the hall 150 to 200 people (there was a slight discrepancy here), and that does not include the downstairs. Joe stated that it all depends on the installation of a sprinkler system. Janet stated that the building will need 2 bathrooms upstairs to comply with regulations.

It was also felt that further fundraising was imperative and Amy Bergamo stated that she will arrange another meeting with the Askers Committee. Ben & Jerry’s, Home Depot, and Rotary were a few organizations that were mentioned as potential donors. Investigation is pending.

Amy Bergamo