

Town of Heath
Community Hall Windows Fundraising Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 3, 2024

Meeting Called to Order by Bob at 4:02 p.m.

Members present: Bob Gruen, Jan Carr, Gloria Fisher, Karen Brooks, Select Board Rep. Elissa Viarengo (left 4:04), at large member Jean Gran, and guest Barbara Gordon

Review Agenda – no changes

Select Board Representative Report: Before Elissa left the meeting, she updated the committee:

- Community Hall – ceiling tiles still need to be replaced
- Tim is painting and when he is done, Hartnett will come in and put the appliances back
- \$10,677.34 (approx. 30 donors) has been raised as of April 2. All credit cards can be used online. Elissa will send us a current donor list.

Minutes

Bob moved, and Jan seconded, to approve the meeting minutes of March 6 as amended. Motion passed with one abstention. Gloria moved, and Jan seconded, to approve the meeting minutes of March 5 as amended. Motion passed with one abstention.

Progress So Far and Steps Forward

The fundraising mailing was sent out, and donations have started to be received. Bob has received no e-mail messages in response to the mailing.

Jean has compiled some materials about the history of Community Hall which she has put into a notebook and will bring to the library for people to read.

We will put a thank you for donations note on our web page and will also post one on the All Around Heath Facebook page. Thank you to Barbara for that suggestion.

Fundraising Possibilities

Barbara Gordon's son (pianist) and three other musicians (cellist, violinist, violist) have graciously agreed to perform a chamber music concert fundraiser for us. They are all professional musicians from different parts of the country and we are fortunate that they are all willing to do this. Karen has secured the use of the Federated Church in Charlemont and Barbara has been in touch with the Mohawk Trail Concerts re: using the piano, which will need to be tuned up using their piano technician. Barbara and David have generously offered to cover this cost and any other costs associated with the concert. The sanctuary will be available for our use on Friday, July 26. The start and end times of the concert were discussed with no decision being made until Barbara talks to her son and friends to see what works best for them. It was decided that the concert will be by donation rather than a set fee. Discussed serving cookies and tea and lemonade after the concert as a meet the artists reception. Karen will find out how many people the church holds.

Publicity and promotion was touched on. We will have a poster made with smaller versions for libraries, senior centers, etc. An article will be placed in the Heath Herald June/July issue (deadline May 5). Gloria volunteered to draft the article. Discussed placing ads and putting a notice in the W. County Shopper.

Next Meeting will be held April 17 at 9 a.m. via Zoon.

Gloria moved to adjourn the meeting with Jan seconding. The meeting was adjourned at 5:06.

Submitted by Gloria Fisher