

February 2020 Handicraft Club committee Reports:

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

February 4, 2020

The next meeting is March 2, 2020 at 10:30 in the Burton Room.

A meeting was held at the Handicraft Club in the Burton Room on February 4, 2020 at 10:30.

Present: Kit Barnum Chairman, Jay Connelly, Kathy Hall, Janet Jagger, Fran Gammell- Roach, Izzy Goff,

Absent: Angela Bay Asst. Chairman, Mary Chace, Karin Conopask, Rebecca Randolph, Janice Panoff, Virginia Walsh

Kit Barnum, Chairman opened the meeting at 10:40.

I. Mold Remediation for Library will go ahead, Kit Barnum will call to see what the company needs to begin the work on the Library section of the bid.

II. The committee members did not have a suggestion of any other contractor they knew to be good to bid on the water heater work. Izzy Goff suggested we go ahead with O'Donnell since they have performed well for us in the past and do not come back with extras.

III. There were no recommendations for other bidders on the Benefit Street fence. Walpole installed the last fence about 10 years ago. They submitted a price of \$30,000.00. We discussed the value of putting an iron fence in since it will have a longer life span. Kit Barnum had sent an iron fence mfr. which did not make it to the members and will resend it. There was considerable interest in pursuing this solution.

IV. The basement pipe insulation was reviewed and two estimates were very close and one was a lot higher due to this one having figured on PVC Zeston over the fiberglass insulation. Kit will contact this bidder RISE and ask for a price without the jacketing.

V. New Business:

The committee raised the issue of the stairs to the second floor as you come in the door and that the risers were badly chipped from toes of the shoes hitting them. The number of coats of paint on these risers will always result in the chipping. They should be stripped of paint and repainted. Another solution offered was to do decorative painting on the risers. This also has the potential of chipping and will need touching up but would be very attractive and appropriate for a crafts organization.

Another solution would be to install a thin carpet on the risers only. This would not chip and would cover the damage done so far. We will explore these ideas and would welcome the members not present thinking on this.

Kathy Hall suggested that the Handicraft Club consider a property manager who would take care of the building and the grounds in hiring the contractors and in inspecting areas to anticipate possible problems and get bids on the work needed. Since they would be managing several

properties, they would have leverage over sub-contractors who would want to keep working for them. Fran Gammell-Roach suggested Kit give this idea to Bobbie Binder who is working on the duties of a new House Manager.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11: 25.

Respectfully submitted,

Kit Barnum

Addendum:

I have heard back from Karin Conopask who is leading the garden committee and she reported that Ryan Farmer was the landscaper who did the fall cleanup for a cost of \$1,080.00. He is sending his bill out soon. The garden committee will decide what they would like to do in the spring.

Giving Societies Report, February 2020

I'm pleased to report one new gift to the Societies: Marilyn Shealey has joined the Truman Beckwith Circle.

Janet Jagger, Chmn.

Program – February 2020

On January 12, program hosted the long awaited student gallery exhibit, celebrated with wine and cheese. About 30 members attended and viewed over 30 student works. The event was well received. Barbara Rosenbaum, solicited the art, labeled and hung the pieces. As student projects become available, new projects will be exhibited. Dennis Brown was hired to tend the wine.

On February 14, program hosted a book discussion of: Before We Were Yours, by Lisa Wingate. Sixteen members attended the lively discussion. Cookies and coffee were served.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Poirrier