

1835 Town Hall Committee

Minutes

February 24, 2021

FINAL

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM and present were Christine McCarthy, Carol Stewart-Grinkis, Ron Pichierri, Jack Chandler and Carl Corrinne. Matt Majikas and Dick Maki were guests at the meeting.

The minutes from November 18, 2020 had already been accepted with the corrections and the January 27th minutes had not been sent out so no minutes were reviewed.

Matt Majikas gave a presentation on the sound absorbing panels that his company recommended for the 1835 Great Hall. The panels would cost \$30,000 installed. The general feeling is that they would change the looks of the Great Hall as presented and would not be well received. Matt was going to see if they could make larger panels and paint them the same color as the ceiling so they would be less obtrusive. Matt was going to go back to the manufacturer, GIK Acoustics from Georgia, and see what other suggestions they could come up with.

They could also take old photos of the 1835 and blow them up on the wall acoustic panels so that they would be decorative and functional. We also discussed making our own panels that we could use to try to reduce the sound echo.

Matt and Dick Maki talked about a sound system for the Great Hall and said that we could get an 'OK' one for about \$7,500 that would include two large wall mounted speakers, a microphone and amplifier system that could be located in the balcony.

We discussed a large display screen of some type that could go on the wall of the stage. Jack asked about a system of daisy chaining TV's and Matt said that would cost upwards of \$25,000.

Dick talked about the Sterling Arts Collaborative, a 501.c.3 corporation that's goal is to improve the Arts in Sterling. Dick said the great Hall 'is alive' with sound and mentioned that Paula Meola dance was interested in using it and that we could hold cultural events, etc. there

Dick spoke of the types of functions that we could have at the 1835 including weddings, movie nights and corporate lunches. He also mentioned holding Open Mike nights, having speakers, craft shows and having folding walls for art displays.

Dick showed a flier of the Berlin 19 Carter Community Center and all the work they have done and the types of events they have hosted. Dick said that for less then \$3,000 we could get a Bose sound system that would be adequate for most events in the Great Hall.

Carl talked about the 2021 Budget that he was presenting to the FinCom which is due March 15th. See the attached hand out with amounts that we deleted and added.

Carl talked about the septic update. Apparently Paul and Lisa from the DPW have given their notice to leave/retire from the Town. This means that the pipe replacement Carl was working with Paul on will probably not happen so we are still trying to complete the run of the pressure line to the fire station septic system. It was also mentioned that Kristen from the Recreation Department had left as well as Sara from the Building Department and Norm Gamblin from the DPW.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 on a motion from Ron and a second by Christina.

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General Repair Items and Related Costs

Painting:

North Side	17,500.00
Interior	7,500.00 2500.00

Cleaning:

Entire Interior	6,000.00 X
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Bathrooms:

Tile Replacement and Repairs	500.00
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Great Hall:

Shield lower window sashes on wall on stage w/metal rails and ballusters (4)	1600.00
Lights for balcony ceiling, replace exit and emergency lighting, install power to lighting and outlet	2,650.00 X
Sand and Re-coat wood floors and stage w/ minor repairs	8,500.00 X
Repair swinging doors	250.00
Repair half wall in Balcony w/bead board and cap	1,800.00 X
Replace all Baseboard heat trim	2,000.00 2500

Stairwell to 2nd Floor:

Repair/Replace step risers	1200.00
Plexy Glass shield lower windows (2)	800.00

Back Room 1st Floor:

Remove Replace Rear Door and Hardware	2,500.00
Remove Replace Side Emergency Exit Door and Hardware	2,000.00

TOTAL	54,800.00
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Add: \$35,000 for AC/Heat