

Called Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business Asheville Friends Meeting

Second Month 7, 2016

Present: Rylin Hansen; Kitti Reynolds; Jodi Guokas; Ruth Stewart; Gail Hipkins; Jim Hipkins; Edie Patrick; Tim Burgess; Paul Hibsichman; Jim Baldwin; Nick Mimkin; David Clements; Sarah Jane Thomas; Patti Hughes; Pat Johnson; Nancy Kuykendall, Facilitator; Alan Robinson, Clerk; Barbara Esther, Recording Clerk.

Meeting began with a period of silent worship from which facilitator Nancy Kuykendall called forth the Friends no longer with us, but who were part of the community that loved and cared for the house and grounds of this meetinghouse.

Presentation of the construction plan:

Jodi Guokas explained the priorities that he saw as he walked through the house to provide an itemized list of work with estimated cost and a generous offer to complete the work at his cost.

- I. Crawl space: Exposed earth provides excess moisture to the structure. Placement of a thick moisture barrier (20-24 mil woven fabric) sealed in place will eliminate much of the moisture. The estimate is somewhat high because the space is very tight in part of the basement. Carpet scraps could be placed where pathways are needed to protect the plastic from scuffing or tears. Placing a dehumidifier in the basement, especially in the summer months, could further contribute to keeping the house dry. The barrier fabric is long-lasting assuming it is not exposed to the sun.
- II. Basement repair work: carpentry repair. Approximately 8 hours for two workers is needed.
- III. Front porch decking (removal and reinstallation): Consists of roof support and masonry repair, as well as supplies such as lumber.
- IV. Siding on east wall: highest quality cedar which has better grain and holds paint longer is recommended. The wall has plank sheathing on it under the siding.
- V. Fascia repair: replacing it behind the guttering is time-consuming. It is possible that this will be minimal work, but if fascia is significantly damaged, we may be asked to consider additional work.
- VI. Mechanicals and electrical work: various areas need repair. An inspection has been made and numerous repairs will need to be made for safety.
- VII. Painting is planned for the east wall siding and decking on the porch, including the steps. The front doors could also be painted to spruce up the look of the meetinghouse.
- VIII. Pressure washing will be done to clean up the exterior of the building.
- IX. Flooring for porch is durable tongue and groove, treated and pressure dried.

- X. The final work will be removal of debris from the work in the basement and outside construction. Meeting members will need to sort what is in the basement so that the workers will know what is not valuable or needing to be saved.

Billing will reflect the hours of work being done when it falls below the budgeted hours.

Minute 1: The meeting thanks Jodi Guokas for the thoughtful and thorough presentation of an estimate and for the generous offer of working at his cost as a contribution to Quakers.

One Friend asked whether the idea of installing a ramp for wheelchair access at the front of the house can be incorporated. It was felt that both that and rebuilding the back porch are not to be done at this time. They will be held for later consideration. Another need for the meeting is renovation of the kitchen.

Funding for the project, phase I

About \$37,000 of the building fund is available along with \$17, 897.69 from the Meetinghouse Improvements Fund.

Minute 2: Friends approved the acceptance of the plan presented by Jodi Guokas so that he can schedule the work in the next two months. The funds will be used for the initial proposed work with a buffer for any overages. The funds will consist of \$15,000 from the Building Fund and \$10,000 from the Meetinghouse improvement Fund. House and Grounds Committee is authorized the act within these these limits.

Friends recognize the hard work and dedication of the House and Grounds Committee, with special recognition for the work of Sarah Jane Thomas and Nancy Kuykendall.

We closed with a brief period of worship to meet again on Second Month 14, 2016, for our regular Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business.