

## Lamb House Committee Meeting

May 7<sup>th</sup> 11:45AM

Present: George, Marty, Nancy, Malen, Larry

Electronic participants: Erica and Abby

The Minutes of the March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed and accepted as written.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted with gratitude.

### Old Business:

Law Enforcement and First Responder Dinner 4/22/17. We had a great attendance at the Lamb House for the social hour. Two people volunteered to help with projects. One was Barry Curtis who said he expected to be able to bring some prisoners for a project this summer. **Marty will speak with Mark and ask him to coordinate with Brad a project** so we can show these folks that we really do have work to be done and welcome volunteers.

Mark was not present to share his list of upcoming projects or the work he would like the grant to apply for. **Marty will contact him.** – *Mark said he would have the list this week, probably on Thursday*

Abby asked about the status of the 501 (c)(3) application, and about the value of the Lamb House with the renovations that have been done. The house is appraised by the town for \$80,000. Mark estimates the value to be between \$115 - \$125,000. The 501 (c) (3) application is not complete as we must have officers. We will vote on that under new business. Marty and Malen have an appointment with an accountant in June and are working with the attorney via email.

Abby asked about the current committee members transitioning to the Board of the new Non-Profit. Anyone who does not want to serve on the Board is offered to resign with thanks for their previous work. Malen moved and Nancy seconded that **all current members of the Lamb House Committee become members of the Board of the Lamb House. Any person not willing to serve on the Board is asked to so indicate and resign.** The motion passed.

### New Business:

We currently have two groups scheduled to stay at the Lamb House this summer: a sorority group from June 11 – 17, and the South Portland UCC, 7/9 – 15. The Maine Migrant Health Program is interested in staying the last week of July through August for the Blueberry harvest. They inquired if we would request a higher rent. It was agreed that **Marty will contact them and ask if \$1100 - \$1200 would be possible for their budget.**

The Belvedere Grant deadline is 6/15/17. Debbie Smith talked with Cathy Meilo who assured her they would welcome our application even though we received a grant two years ago. She actually told Debbie that there were more funds for Washington County last year than grant applications. She encouraged us to apply. **Marty will speak with her for guidance as to which projects they might favor.**

Malen would be able to do the cut and paste for the on line grant application. Abby will review the last application and identify what can be used and what new work needs to be done. The Ives will review the final application for grammar and flow. Marty will work on the Church's financial statement. It will be the church who applies, since the 501(c)(3) will not be accomplished. Erica told us that there has been a long backlog on the part of the IRS processing applications. In her experience, contacting her senator resulted in the process being expedited.

A motion was made by Erica and seconded by Malen to nominate Marty to serve as President and Secretary. The motion was passed. A motion was made by Nancy and seconded by George to nominate Malen as Vice President. The motion passed. A motion was made by George and seconded by Nancy to nominate Alice Duston as Treasurer. The motion passed.

Larry shared his desire for a cement floor to be poured in the garage. He feels that this would stabilize the cement block foundation, and provide a better storage space for the extra furniture and household goods that are donated to us. Erica suggested we emphasize this as a community resource, similar to Restore by Habitat and as a part of our mission. We then could sell extra goods for income.

During the discussion it became obvious that we will have to deal with the ownership of the garage when we transfer the Lamb House to the new non-profit organization. We may well need a survey and new property lines. Malen and Marty will discuss this with the attorney.

Abby moved that we hold a garage sale this summer. Erica Seconded the motion. It was passed.

Abby then offered a suggestion for 3 committees to work for the Lamb House Board. The chair of the committee would be a board member, but other committee members could be community members not on the board. These committees would work for the Lamb House and report to the Board. The three are: Development, Communications, and Volunteers. She asked that we place this item on the agenda for the next meeting and discuss it further, and vote at that time.

At the next meeting we will also review the annual budget for the Lamb House and reconsider reimbursement to the church for our start up funds.

Abby also made a proposal attached to these minutes for a photo contest of the Lamb House to increase our exposure and to give us some good photos to use in future development efforts. Malen suggested we be sure to notify the high school about the photo contest so young people would participate. Prizes would be donated. We should attempt to emphasize the historic nature of the Lamb House and Cherryfield. We will need professional photographer judges. It was suggested we tie into Cherryfield Days and Marty suggested we have the house open and offer tours.

George suggested we post our minutes on our web site. It was discussed and agreed that the treasurer's report would not be included. It was moved by George and seconded by Abby that the minutes of our meetings be posted on our website. It was passed.

**The next meeting will be Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. (Choir meets at 7 pm)**