

The meeting was held in the basement at the Congregational Church. Those in attendance: Peter Duston, Crystal Hitchings, Rick Harter, Denise Lavoie and Kelley Wescott. It started at 6:10 PM with February minutes being approved.

Denise reported that there is \$10,741.85 dollars in the checkbook. This is after the \$2500 matching funds were paid for the building assessment. We still have over \$6000 available to take from the endowment and can take more if need be.

The building projects were discussed. Dave is working on the basement windows which the group has appropriated \$2000 for. Rick reported that Jonathan Gay stopped by to get a parts list to fix the electrical boxes, of which \$4000 has been appropriated. Denise recommended using mold and mildew resistant paint for the rooms that will be painted on the second floor. Rick said he has some soil at his house that could be used to help slope the ground away from the house. Crystal suggested that we might be able to plug some of the leaks in the foundation with caulk.

Denise will send Crystal a digital copy of anticipated 2026 expenses and income.

There was an extensive discussion about the history of houses in the town and a walking tour. The current historic district could be extended if homeowners request listing their house. Many visitors that pass through Cherryfield are interested in the architecture and history of the homes. A suggestion to see if the owners would be interested in putting a historical home marker on their house , along the walking route, was floated. Peter had a brochure of a business where these could be ordered. Rick suggested there be an annual recognition for the best progress on homes being restored. Peter mentioned there is a large home repair group of volunteers coming to the area to work on the houses of elderly and low income people that have applied. Sometimes they can fit in some extra volunteer work (possibly on the historical society building). Rick recommended his sons to paint the second floor rooms as part of the Healthy Acadia intern program. He did note that in general he doesn't want to be the sole person directing work on the building.

We will try to have a number of guests we can expect for our May 21st historical society gathering with other societies by the next meeting so we can plan refreshments. The Academy has been reserved from 5:30 to 8:30 on that date.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.