

AGM Hall Meeting
Feb 22, 2007

In attendance: Board Members: Brenda Wheaton, Conrad Byers, Colin Curleigh, Michael Fuller, Krista Wells, Lori Lynch, Sheri Bromer, Morris Canning, Keith Graham

General Members: 13

Regrets: Keylaira Lee, Kyle Dinaut

Michael welcomed all in attendance and called the meeting to order at 8 p.m. He gave an overview of what has happened since the last AGM, including the fact that we have over 500 members, we have a very strong and active board, the hall has been active, we have several committees taking care of lots of business.

Michael commented that despite the enthusiasm to get major work underway, we've been a bit hamstrung by the workings of various levels government and funding bodies. He noted that we do have a call for tenders for a study for

Michael noted that Parrsboro has become a real magnet for retirees, young retirees and a culture centre would be a real bonus for the community. The YMCA is prepared to enter into discussions to rent the entire basement area (once it's renovated) to provide programming for the entire community.

The drawings and details in the study will be an important tool to approach the major funders to demonstrate our intentions for the project.

Michael asked for questions from the floor regarding our synthesis of the community's ideas and input for the plan.

Kerwin said that he's in full agreement with restoring the building and making it energy efficient. He feels that there is no reason to worry about restoring the building's bell tower and upper ceiling. Reconstructing this building as an artifact when there will be four churches on the market within the next 25 years.

Michael responded that it will be interesting for Kerwin to be involved in the discussions with the architects when they look at this issue. Michael feels that his concerns will be allayed.

Kerwin commended the board on getting so many members.

Approved minutes of agm 2006.

Krista gave the Treasurer's report.

Michael noted that we have established a separate account to keep the finances distinct between the band (including the inherited debt) and the Hall restoration. Bill Wheaton asked if the band debt had mostly been achieved through grants. This has not been the case. There have been

several donations made specifically to the band debt. Fundraising activity revenue has been split between the band and the hall.

Brenda moved, seconded by Keith to approve the treasurer's report. Carried.

Appointment of Auditors. Michael recommends that we don't take on a \$2000 debt in order to have the books audited. He noted that we do have Fundy Shore Accounting Services working with us. Kerwin moved, seconded by Frank that we continue without an auditor. Carried unanimously.

Facility Report

Michael spoke about how we've separated the two sides of the building in order to keep operational costs at a minimum for each part and also to track actual costs of these venues in order to come up with an equitable rental rate. We received the HPP grant to insulate, replace a door, repair the roof, paint the exterior, install separate oil tanks. This project came to just over \$9000. The grant covered \$3000 of this. Through this a facilities committee was struck and continues to do good work. It is felt that any new maintenance that is done be done with the long term goals in mind. Kerwin mentioned the sewer pipe repair.

Band Committee Report

Morris spoke about the recent decline in band membership. Over the past year he feels that the band has been progressing. We've lost a couple of members but we've gained a couple as well. We've been rehearsing in the annex and we're sounding pretty good. The moral is good and we've had good attendance at events. The Band Day in July was the best one in years. The Adult Band classes with Chuck Holmwood are going well and we may see new members come out of this. (See report)

Kerwin feels that the band could increase its profile in the summer with more advertising. He senses excitement in the community for the band and thinks we could capitalize on this.

Bill Wheaton asked if there's any band program in the schools. Michael said he thought that the elementary music teacher was going to start one but there's no sign of that yet. Bill asked if there's any funding through the school for such a program. Michael said he didn't think so but agreed that there should be one. The School Board would be the avenue of approach.

Membership Report was given by Brenda Wheaton (see attached)

Event and Promotion Report given by Lori Lynch (see attached)

President's Report given by Michael Fuller throughout the meeting.

Business from the Floor
none

Open Discussion

Kerwin noted that the website is a marvellous and inexpensive way to get information out about the Hall.

Bill Wheaton noted that the Hall would be a great venue for youth activities.

Bill Puddington noted that Cran MacDade was one of the town councillors who made the effort to purchase the Hall from the church trustees.

Michael spoke about the “green” factor. He noted that we can use the Hall as a model for other heritage buildings, showing how they can make their buildings energy efficient, thus making the operation of the building more manageable.

Election of Board of Directors for 2007

Sheri Bromer and Tim Fedak are stepping down. David Harrison is added to the slate of nominees. Michael called three times for nominations from the floor. There were none.

Sheri Bromer moved, seconded by Frank to accept the slate of board of directors. Motion carried.

Frank moved to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05.