Andrews Chapel Restoration Committee

    Minutes of meeting April 8, 2015

Members present:  Deb Bogardus, Toni DiLisio, Howie Vatcher,

    Mary Cassidy

Others : Dave Gardiner

Our balance at ECCF is $14,966.  Of that amount $4,500 is due John Barnes for the remaining electrical work.

Peter McCarriston has said that he will do the plumbing and gas hook up free of charge.  We have to set a date for this to happen.

Howie reported that he has restored all the lanterns and they are ready to hang when required.  The Committee thanked him for his hard work in restoring them.

The electrical for the ceiling fans is ready so we will purchase two 60” fans. These are necessary for air circulation and heat retention.

The electrician discovered that the bottom of the wall studs have rotted.  They will need to be repaired before the plastering, painting and stenciling is done.  We received one estimate for this work but it was too high and we are looking into getting additional estimates.  Gino plans to get in touch with Charlie Gambale and Mary said she would call Bob Pierce.

A discussion followed regarding re-visiting possible donors.  Toni reported that Eastern Bank and Whole Foods did not respond to our request for funds.  Dave said that he would make some calls to possible “serious” donors.

Deb and Mary reported on a Swampscott HIstorical Commission meeting that they attended on Tuesday, April 7th.   The Historical Commission voted unanimously to support the Andrews Chapel Committee and to help us with applying for the Mass Historical grant that is due on May 15, 2015.

Deb and Mary and Susan Munafo of the SHC are going to a workshop on grant writing at Mass Historical Commission headquarters this Friday.

We discussed hiring a professional grant writer to help us with this effort since our grant application last year was not accepted.  Howie mentioned that Barbara Whalen has had success in receiving grants for the Swampscott Historical Society and, perhaps, would be able to help us.  Mary said that she would contact her with our request.

Toni requested a list of all donors and amounts from the beginning of our fund raising until now and Mary said that she would call ECCF and request that.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 6th at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Cassidy