Williams Barn Committee

March 1, 2023

Minutes

Attending: May Brackett, Steve Woodin, Sandra Tobies, Bob Kniffen, Joe Twomey, Matt Novak, Chris Darling

Guest: Andrew Scott

Meeting opened 4:02

1. Minutes from January 4th and February 1st meetings where approved.
2. There were no bills to approve.
3. Rental use of the barn
   1. Reviewed concerns of renting the barn for private functions.
      1. Parts of the barn are in need of repair
      2. No Heat
      3. No Water
      4. Insurance
   2. Joe T. read a previous committee decision (from 2015?) that the Williams Barn should not be rented for private functions. The Barn could be used by organizations to educate and promote the goals of the Williams barn mission statement.
   3. The members agreed that this should be continued to be followed.
   4. Recommend that we request donations from anyone that uses the property.
4. Food Truck
   1. Decision was made to start with One food truck at a Friday Farms Market to see how it goes.
5. New Event Ideas
   1. Fall/Winter Farmers Market in conjunction with the Grange (Andrew Scott was present representing the Grange).
   2. Considering starting after the last outdoors Farms Market thru November.
      1. Contact the vendors with the understanding that it if there is not enough customer interest, we would continue it.
      2. May B. to send a survey to the vendors.
   3. May B. to review the Grange contract
      1. https://grotongrange.org/rentals/
6. Committee and Intern roles & responsibilities.
   1. May B. will send out a draft of the Committee roles & responsibilities.
   2. Joe T. will bring the original Intern Job Description to the next meeting, for review.
   3. Matt N. to book the room at the library for the April 5th meeting.
7. Other Business
   1. Increase the Farmers Market vendor fee to $15, with a discount if paid for the season.

Meeting adjourned 5:14 pm

Next meeting: April 5, 2023 at 4pm in the library.