

Andrews Chapel Restoration Committee  
Minutes of meeting held Aug. 23, 2016

Members present: Deb Bogardus, Marilyn Cassidy, Toni DiLisio, Howie Vatcher, Dave Gardiner, Dana Anderson, Mary Cassidy  
Others: Gino Cresta

The Handicapped Ramp should be finished by the end of this week. The committee members have been up to view it and all agreed that it is very attractive and compliments the stonework of the Chapel. The Committee is pleased with Raffaele's work and also complimented Richard Smith on the plans. Toni took photographs of the work in progress and these will become part of the historic record of the project.

Pavers for the walkway and entrance to the Chapel have been donated by DiLisio Bros. A contractor is needed to lay the pavers and Deb will ask Todd Norman. They will be "Colonial" in style. There will be stone dust under the pavers. Gino will pay for this. Toni asked about the pattern of the pavers and it was agreed that a plain pattern would be best.

Gino mentioned that a 5x5 "landing" square is needed for the end of the ramp. He will look into the material and contractor to do this.

Railings are needed for the front and back steps and the side. Dana is looking into this and Gino will check with the Building Inspector, Manny Bettincourt, regarding permits, etc.

The question of landscaping came up and several names of local landscapers were brought up. The Committee is hoping for a donation of labor or materials. Gino suggested waiting until after the pavers are in for this.

The question of a handicapped accessible restroom was re-visited. Dana will look into this to insure that we have gone through the correct channels. Gino suggested that he talk with selectwoman Laura Stephanos who is the liason for HA. A discussion followed regarding chemical toilets and porta- potties, etc.

Howie showed the restored photo of Isaac Andrews. This was done by a professional restorer and all agreed that the difference was remarkable. He reported that a matle was ordered and that Arnould Gallery will place it in the frame (which Howie has restored) with protective UV glass. Howie was not able to get into the Chapel to attach the donor plaques to the pews and windows due to the ramp work. He will do so soon and also oversee the securing of the pews to the floor.

A discussion took place regarding the possible purchase of a carpet for the middle aisle. Since there was disagreement about this, it was decided that a small rug be purchased for the entryway to absorb any dirt from outside. Marilyn will take care of this. The decision about the central aisle carpet was postponed to a later date.

Deb reminded the Committee that the Swampscott Historical Commission will be presenting an award for the restoration of the interior of Andrews Chapel. They have invited us to the High School Library on September 21st at 6:30. Most members will attend.

Deb reminded us that Andrews Chapel will be taking part in Essex Heritage "Trails and Sails" on September 24th from 9 - 1p.m. Tours of the Chapel will be given on that day.

Mary announced that the Swampscott Historical Society would like to hold it's October meeting at the Chapel. The subject of the meeting will be "The Restoration of Andrews Chapel". Deb and Dave will give the presentation. Gino agreed to this use of the Chapel.

Deb suggested that at our next meeting we discuss the very important issue of who will be responsible for the use, maintenance, scheduling, fees, etc. when our committee is dissolved at the completion of the restoration.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Cassidy, secretary