Andrews Chapel Preservation Committee Meeting

April 17, 2017

In attendance: Deborah Bogardus, Dana Anderson, David Gardiner, Howard Vatcher, Marilyn Cassidy, Toni DiLisio, Mary Cassidy, Gina Bush, Gino Cresta, Jr.

- I. Report from Dana
 - Fabio the mason will be starting work on Monday on the limestone on the buttresses
 - 2. John McLaughlin, head of Beautification Committee, has offered to pay for the painting.
 - 1. Michael Bellante will do the painting on the louvers and windows around July 4th.
 - 3. Discussion of the potential bathroom for which we are seeking a variance to the requirement of a handicap bathroom due to the lack of space and accessibility.
 - 1. Dana met with Trish Malphus of the Disability Commission. She is opposed to any bathroom if it isn't handicapped.
 - 2. This led to a discussion of whether or not to meet and discuss the matter with the whole committee. No decision was reached.
 - 3. Other options
 - a) Renting a handicapped porta-potty.....expensive....Gina investigating prices
 - b) Improving and using the bathroom in the cemetery utility building
 - c) With less than 50 people, only one exit is required. We have room for more than 50 people.
 - d) Add an addition to the rear of the building.....too expensive
 - e) Possibility of a party using the Chapel renting their own portapotty
 - 4. It was decided that Dana should meet with the new Town Administrator before the Disability Commission and discuss the dilemma with him. We should schedule a meeting with him within a reasonable time.

II. Use and Maintenance

- 1. There was a discussion of setting up a committee to manage the Chapel going forward. Deb had some thought on it but Marilyn and Howard suggested that the issue was not our responsibility. It lies with the town.
- 2. Results of search usage from neighboring communities were discussed.
 - 1. Andover charges \$1,000 for weddings which probably includes use of the grounds extensively
 - 2. Nahant charges \$100 for a town resident.
 - 3. Salem charges \$250 and is used for funerals only.
 - 4. Marblehead charges \$200.
- 3. The back door and stairs need attention. The lock has to be fixed, new stairs and a railing in order to be up to code.
 - 1. Front steps need a railing also.
 - 2. Gino will meet with Gerry Raffaele.

III. Donor Day Reception

- 1. Gina and Anne are running it.
- 2. Invitations are lovely and out.
- 3. There will be a violinist (\$200), wine, possibly beer and hors d'ouvres.
- 4. Question of whether or not we need a policeman. Deb is investigating.
- 5. Deb should say a few words of welcome.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25. Respectfully submitted, Marilyn L Cassidy