

Minutes of May 23 meeting.

Committee members in attendance were Alice Hill, Alicia Hawkes, Susan May, Joan Aubrey, Melanie Leavitt. Visitors were Joanne Corcoran, Sarah Clemons.

We measured removable bookcases to be sold at a later date. They are:

Wall mounted back wall corner, church side: 27" w x 31 1/2" h x 8" d

Wall mounted, church side back 58 3/8" w x 28 3/4" h x 8" deep

Wall mounted low, church side back 55 3/4" w x 49" h x 8 5/8" d

Freestanding 2 @ 74 1/2" x 16 1/2" d x 72" w, shelves 14 1/2" deep

Wall mounted (backless) back wall center (next to window seat) 63 1/2" h x 34 1/2" w at top 8 3/4" d and the lower part has no left side

Front wall church side 65 5/8" w x 31" h

Front wall church side 65 5/8" w x 61" tall

Chimney backless 79" x 33 1/2".

We noted that the shelves that are nailed to walls may not be removed intact, though we will try our best.

Metal freestanding 86" tall 27 1/2" w x 6" d

We discussed Lilliputian's request for one large freestanding bookcase. Joan will talk to Lucy Getchell to see if and how much they are willing to pay.

Suggestions were made on how to sell bookcases: Craigslist, town column, enews.

We had more thoughts on whose 501c3 to funnel through. Options are Historical Society, Friends of Library, Jackson Firefighters' Association, among others. Susan May will talk with Ann Peterson about JFA. When we start selling bookcases (and other fundraising) we can't have checks made to town and have to have someone "hold" our money.

We will have to sort out what work can be done by volunteers vs taking bids for removals work since we don't want to damage woodwork, and we will keep selectmen apprised of our progress and decisions.

We believe our first priority is the second egress and ultimately, a bathroom. These could be designed together as a two phase project. We're hoping to get some restoration carpenters to come to our next meeting to discuss ADA requirements fitting with historical architecture of building.

Questions were raised regarding monies to pay for second egress. Do WE raise funds? Do we ask for money from residents at Town Meeting?

Once we have a plan for egress, we'll put it out for bids. Meanwhile, once we have a new (back) door, we think old entrance is grandfathered.

Norman Head says ask Dick Goff (owns Lady Blanche) about restoration carpenters and Susan May will speak to Jon Whitney to see when he can come up to look and to speak to meeting about options for door.

Joan got policies from Whitney and Library as guides for our policy.

We'll each work on a draft of policy—who would have keys? Who would let people in?

Discussion of web site maintenance w/picture, policy, written history of building.

Tentative next meeting June 14th or 21st

Joan will talk to hist soc and Lilliputian

Ask Wendy (as Garden Club rep.) about how much the yews can be cut and will they recover?

Friends of Library will be welcome to sell books (split monies with OLD Library Committee?) on porch for the summer. Joan suggested leaving out some envelopes for donations to Old Library. It would be a good idea to place a poster outside with pictures and directions to advertise new library. Alice asks if door slot can be used. It is screwed shut—can be unscrewed, would have to be maintained frequently by Friends. We discussed advertising meetings in Town Column (which gets to enews).

The building must have insurance before meetings can be held there and Joan will ask Fire Marshall what is the legal capacity.

The Friends of the Library will provide us with a list of past repairs and expenses.

Meeting night will change to Tuesday; the next one TENTATIVELY scheduled for June 14th—or 21st.