

**CITY HALL RESTORATION COMMISSION
SUMMARY OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY JANUARY 25TH 2010**

Location: Third Floor Conference Room City Hall. Meeting opened at 11:00 a.m.

Present: J.J. Bell, Jan Bell, Steve Dexter, Mary McCarl, Steve Pardee, Maggie Rosa, Bill Sanborn, Suzanne Silveira, Barry Pett, Bill Dillon and two other members of the Cape Ann Wood Artisans Guild.

City Hall Alive

Event 1 - Celtic Dance

- Jan presented her plan for events coming under the umbrella of City Hall Alive. She is seeking sponsorship from Harvard Pilgrim Health, National Grid and local restaurants.
- The first event will be a Celtic Dance that Jan and Kathy Slifer are organizing, together with members of local Celtic music groups, a dance on Sunday March 14th from 5 to 8 p.m. The Celtic musicians predict a turnout of 250 people, at \$25 per family, or \$15 per adult and \$5 per child. Irish stew and soda bread will be the delectables. No alcohol.

Potential Future Events

- **Revels.** The following email was received by Maggie:

Hello Maggie:

I am writing at the suggestion of Ronda Faloon at the Cape Ann Museum. Our ensemble performed there in November and we were talking afterward about bringing our sea show to Gloucester. At first it looked like one of the local churches where Kathleen Adams is the organist and the Gloucester Maritime Museum might be interested but it looks like their plate is pretty full this spring. I mentioned it because we are presenting the show this spring.

I understand that you have a good performance space in the city hall. Would you be interested in presenting our show as a fundraiser. If this spring is too soon, we could play ahead. We will be doing the show again in 2012-13.

The other thing that caught my eye on your web site was the PT Barnum used to present attractions at the City Hall. We have a show about the Hutchinson Family Singers which is narrated by PT Barnum. We're presenting that show in the fall of 2010.

Give me a call if you would like more information. I can give you a link to a short video for each show. They are down today because the video part of our web site is being worked on but it should be up again tomorrow.

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- Jan will follow up to ascertain more information
- **Elyssa East book reading of Dogtown**
- **Bob Squires and Beatlejuice.**

Fundraising

- Suzanne provided the Commission with an updated spreadsheet of the finances (income and expenses)
- The Gloucester Fund contains \$4891.17
- Barry Pett explained the operation of the Gloucester Fund: one account for all of the funds with checks retained by the Cape Ann Savings Bank. With the increased use of the Gloucester Fund by various organizations, Fran Mondello will be assuming a larger role in the book-keeping records.

- Steve Pardee brought some more pieces of City Hall trim that he has recycled into artwork. These pieces are plaques that incorporate images of FHL paintings.
- Bill Dillon of the Cape Ann Wood Artisans Guild will be looking at the old trim and, together with other members of the Guild, will be thinking about how they can rework the wood.

National Historic Landmark District Application

- Mary McCarl has completed her research on the FHL House, the Blackburn Saloon and the Fishermen's Memorial. She provided the commissioners with copies of her write-ups.

Delande Lighting

- Steve Dexter will follow up with Delande Lighting.

Post Office Second Floor

- Jeff Roache (the Postmaster) informed Steve Dexter that the owner of the Joke Store is using (and paying for) space on the second floor in the Post Office and is thinking to use more space.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm

Next meeting scheduled for February 1st 2010 at 10:00 a.m.

Outstanding Issues

- Maggie asked Steve Pardee if he had heard anymore from Campbell about the rust issue that Campbell was to cheerfully address.
- Mark Cole is working on finding money for shelving.
- Also to suggest to Mark that hinges be placed on the trap door at the belfry level.
- Maggie reported that Jan Charles is willing to organize a nearly wet auction.
- Steve Pardee asked whether the NPS has a database of names that we might approach for donations.
- Flyer needs to be updated for raising money from the bell ringing time slots
- Maggie will follow up with Mark Cole about these issues so that he may include them in his budget. Steve Pardee said that he would be willing to work with Mark to generate a budget.