



Pierce Property Committee

April 4, 2018 at 4:00pm

Present: Nancy Beach, Pam Weismann, Anne Crosby, Terry Green, Lucia MacMahon, Jean Horne, Margi Byrnes

In Attendance- Sheila Dennis, James DeNormandie, Gus Brown, Buzz Constable, Tom Henry

Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 4:00

Welcome to Margi Byrnes, new Pierce House Committee member

Minutes from the January's meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously. It was noted that the February and March meetings were canceled due to snow.

4:10-4:40 Update on Noise abatement (handout)

Committee reviewed the Sound Study Proposal and unanimously approved moving forward with the sound study.

Neighbor concerns and proposals to consider-

- Pierce House needs to be a good neighbor for volume of the noise - consider reducing the noise level by half or amplification eliminated
- Make the hours more reasonable(stop at 8 or 9pm)
- Try changing the hours & the volume levels for a season and see what happens
- What's an appropriate use of this property that is consistent for a residential neighborhood?
- Concerns with the sound study:
 - What kinds of remediation might they offer at the Pierce House?
 - Could anything be put in place for this season and into the next season?
 - Like to see some metrics from other comparables - in town (Bemis, DeCordova, Codman Carriage House, Codman Barn) and other historic houses in the area

Need a bridge between the model that we are use to, and a future meeting (for noise pollution).

Neighborhood would like to work with us to make it more friendly -

- look into sound blankets, and Bass traps to reduce noise for this season- Tom will match anything we put in. He will share the name of the products he referenced. Are they rentable?
- Data requested for future meetings - for 2017: number of events, with revenue generated and expenses for the House

What progress has been made for generating other revenues for the house?

- Recognize that we have a financial concern to make the house financially solvent.
- Nancy has marketed for corporate events, put on film sites for filming, reached out to local funeral homes. She has also met with managers with other historical houses.
- Consider developing a "Friends of Pierce House" fund to help with finances-501-3C non-profit

4:40- 5:40 Manager's Report (handout)

Bookings for 2018 so far

- 70 free events
- 44 paid events
- First wedding of the season, April 28
- As of today, there about one event a weekend

Pierce House Committee approved purchase of a new chandelier for the house, up to \$2000.

Other Expenditure requests approved by the committee-

- Tree pruning, window washing, electrical upgrades, sewer pumping, porch tent siding
- Will defer lawn repair quote and rug cleaning until next month.

5:40- 6:00 Financial Report(handout)

Mother's Day Country Breakfast- at the House May 13 , 2 seatings. Committee approved running the event

6:00- Other-

- Bylaws Revision- waiting on this for a future meeting
- Donation of the Doll House
- Calendar of booked events on website

Requisition approvals

Next meeting is Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at Pierce House

For Agenda for May

- Review and discussion of Tree warden study

"Our mission is to be stewards of this historic property so that residents of Lincoln, neighbors, and guests may continue to use the Pierce House as a venue to gather and celebrate, in keeping with the spirit of John H. Pierce's gift to the Town of Lincoln." (approved March 20, 2016)