

REENE BARN AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: August 26, 2019

PLACE: Forest Preserve District Headquarters, Wheaton, IL

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Rachel Jenness, Diane Sellinger, Britney Toussaint and Jim Hill

FPDDC PERSONNEL PRESENT: Wayne Zaininger, Mary Lou Wherli,

NON-COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Roman and Carrie Szczesniak, Linda Puetz, Shannon Greene Robb, Jeri Moore, John Morley

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS:

Welcome. The minutes for the meeting on Aug 12, 2019 were approved

COMMITTEE COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:

Shannon Greene Robb presented information about Arranmore Arts and Arranmore Events. She made connections between the vision and mission of these two organizations and the FPDDC vision and mission. She highlighted her longevity of programming, creating curriculums, connecting people, feasibility study proving a need for a performance arts venue, partnerships, honoring cultural legacies and history, facilitating purpose at the barn, creating emotion and combining arts and nature, health and wellness. She expressed a strong desire to be a partner with the FPDDC and to utilize the barn for a wide variety of activities.

John Morley spoke to the committee about conceptualizing the plan for the barn. The dream for the barn needs to be identified and then the steps outlined for bringing it to fruition while keeping finances at the forefront of our plan. We need to draw several layouts, conceptual drawings and get architects on board that will help us visualize the space and the apply the costs. Input from contractors would be required. All committee members need to utilize the master plan while drawing a layout.

Further discussion included contacting local architects that would want to be involved in this project, technology, insulation, bringing together stakeholders.

Perform – Educate – Display – Gather all forms of sharing/contributing/giving to the community space

Flexible spaces, seating, tables, display walls, staging

Public Comment:

Suggestion was made to create the cottage into a museum viewed from the outside.

Comments praising the committee for the work accomplished thus far and for the Rooted Acoustic Barn Raising event held on Aug.25, 2019

ADJOURN: 9:15