



## Meeting House Events Committee

Monday, October 20th, 6.15pm / @ The Meeting House

Present: Doug Kern, Doug Richardson, Maria Testa, Liz Marabella, Joan Scalfani, Pauline Dyson, Linda Pacer, Jim Celeste (Board Liason)

- 9/15 Meeting Minutes were accepted with the correction that Pauline was present at the meeting
- Events update in the Meeting House – there are 14 events in October, 16 in November, 14 in December. Doug has spoken with Mary Kate O’Connell about using MH while their space is being renovated
- Jim Celeste updated the committee about updates to the MH interior. There has been discussion on the board, with the HPC (who was granted jurisdiction over the interior by an earlier board), about paint color and pew removal. There is no record of the paint chosen in an earlier renovation and they question its historicity, suggesting perhaps there should be a different color scheme. The current paint is not easily matched and color was not recorded, making touchups difficult. Joan and Linda were on a MH committee charged with its renovation several years ago and recalled that the paint was chosen to be historic. They plan to research old minutes to see if they can find information about paint choice that can inform current decisions. MHE committee unanimously approved a motion by Doug R. requesting that the Board make a decision about painting the building by 1/1/26.
- Jim reported that the Board is reluctant to permit removal of a single pew in the back to better accommodate patrons in wheelchairs. After discussion, the MHE committee unanimously approved a resolution (Maria, seconded by

Doug R.) asking the Board to permit this minor alteration which would not significantly alter the historic appearance of the interior but would permit disabled patrons to be seated with more comfort and dignity.

- 2025-26. Historical Speaker Series – no updates, Pauline suggested a speaker on the Erie Canal for the future
- 2025 – Santa at the Meeting House, Dec. 6. Joan will arrange for Santa
- 2026 Soup Stroll. Scheduled for Feb 28, Doug has not gotten confirmation
- Meeting House Equipment update. Estimates for a full-scale update of equipment were very high and most groups using the MH bring their own equipment. Doug K reported that instead there will be replacement of laptop, receiver, and cords (cost < \$1000) that will permit the projector, CD player and speaker to work. Doug will install the new equipment himself at considerable cost savings.
- Doug requested assistance updating the Meeting House brochure and flyer; Maria will assist.
- Meeting was adjourned at 7:00. Next meeting will be November 17