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Dear Bruce Jones:

On behalf of our Historic Sons of Norway Lodge, I would like to request the attached Sons of Norway Project List, totaling \$96,000, be included as a funding request in the FY2007 City of Petersburg Capital Project List that will be submitted to the State Legislature.

Our Lodge is a non-profit organization and our historic building currently has a great deal of deferred maintenance work that requires funding. Through our 2006 Art and Heritage "Paint the Sons" fund raising auction, we were able to raise the funding to paint our building; we are now at the point where we need financial assistance.

You can contact our Lodge President, Sally Dwyer, if you have further questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Larine MacDonald".

Larine MacDonald
Lodge Secretary

cc: Senator Bert Stedman



Sons of Norway Project List Winter 2007



The following is a list of proposed projects for the historic Petersburg Sons of Norway building.

The list is prioritized in order of cost savings and efficiencies to the building. The heating upgrades will show immediate cost savings by using less fuel, the kitchen upgrades will make the space more usable, cleaner and more efficient, the Main hall floor replacement can be set aside for possibly 2-3 years, but we would like to start planning for the eventual project now, the dock improvements are ongoing and based solely on safety and finally the repainting of the shutters is purely aesthetic, but as we are the most photographed building in town, that is important too.

We feel the 24-year old roof system, piling foundation and building insulation are O.K. at this time, but will need to start thinking about their replacement and augmentation in the future.

1) Heating System Replacement and Upgrade

Estimated \$10,000

With the high cost of heating oil, we have chosen to be more efficient with our heating system. We plan to purchase an insert to fit (with some retrofitting) into the existing duct system, using electricity instead of oil to heat the building. We plan to take it one step at a time, trying it out in one furnace first, before continuing on to the other two if it proves to be a cost savings.

2) Kitchen Renovation

Estimated \$35,000

The kitchen was hurriedly built in 1983. It is used both as a commercial kitchen for the community and caterers, but also as the main kitchen for the lodge. Three years ago we purchased new double ovens and new 40" stove with cook top, these will be re-used in the new kitchen in new locations.

The cupboards that were installed in 1983 have not held up at all. The doors fell off, trim is missing and the corner areas are not easily accessible. We plan to replace several of the deeper cupboards with large drawers that can be pulled out and accessed rather than crawling on the floor to reach in. We would like to investigate the use of stainless steel counter tops for easy cleanup and care.

The floor is worn out and needs new sub floor (dues to leaks) and tile installed, in darker colors to show less wear and tear.

We propose replacing the 3-sink system with a similar but smaller set-up to give us a little more space. We plan installing an Eco-Lab sanitation system for the dishwasher which exactly measures the correct amount of soap product needed to properly clean the dishes, meeting DEC standards. We also propose replacing the small double sink in the back of the kitchen with a new, stainless deep sink with a goose-neck faucet and hand washing station (DEC required).

The large 2-door Cooler/refrigerator is circa 1983 and needs to be replaced. It is at the point that we cannot find parts to do repairs and the compressor runs all the time.

Last winter we had a flood due to frozen pipes and it ruined the ceiling sheetrock in half of the kitchen. This needs to be replaced and painted. At the same time we will upgrade the

electrical outlet capacity, including a single circuit for the microwave and install new overhead lighting for the task areas.

3) Floor Replacement

Estimated \$45,000 ✓

Our floor was installed in 1912. It is not hardwood, but soft fir. We have been lucky to have maintained it in a fairly good condition this long. It has been determined that there is no more wood left to sand down and refinish, so it needs to be replaced. We want to keep the same pattern if possible and try to find long (16') pieces of wood so it still maintains the vintage look in keeping with the style of the building.

4) Dock/Parking Lot Repairs

Estimated \$4,000 ✓

Our dock parking lot is used by the members of the lodge, the public and the neighboring homes and businesses. It is in a marine environment, so upkeep is constant. At this time we propose purchasing wood planking used to replace rotted sections and wood for new railings along the perimeter.

5) Rosemal Shutter Re-Painting

Estimated \$2,000

Our beautiful red rosemaled shutters are very faded and need to be sanded down and repainted. The local Rosemal group will do the work for approximately \$85/panel. The lodge will do the sanding, priming and base coating to save money.

Thank you for your consideration in our search for funding. We have unsuccessfully tried to find grant monies for buildings like ours, listed on the National Historical Registry but there doesn't seem to be anything available at this time.

The members of our lodge feel we have a responsibility to preserve, protect and provide the best care possible for our building for future generations of Petersburg residents and for the thousands of visitors that come to see it every year. It can sometimes be daunting when you see a list like we have just put together. We then take a deep breath and just begin, plunking away at each project until they are done.

Sincerely,

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