
Director's Report

November, 2016

Personnel

We are working to fill several part-time openings as detailed in Anne Shaw's report. I am happy to report that Aaron Jones, who had been part-time in TS, has been hired to take the full-time slot vacated by Mike Grella's promotion.

Buildings and Grounds

I am still working to determine the best way to repair the roof over the café area. At Peter Vermazen's suggestion, I have asked Bernie Reagan, who installed the DePew House roof, to give me an estimate. The problem is there are two different roof surfaces, the EPDM put on the newest section during the expansion of 2008-2010 and the Mod-Bit roof on the previous expansion. These two surfaces do not blend well together unless done properly. I'm astonished first on how hard this is to get repaired and second on the high quotes I've received to date.

The big tree on the south side of the DePew House was trimmed a couple of weeks ago. It turns out not to be a walnut tree but a beechnut tree. The trimming work clears out a space directly above the roof but the tree looks fine, and the roof and gutters will benefit.

I've not heard back from the New Bridge Grant people, although they now have all documents they required.

Rental Properties

There will be a new tenant in the big office on the first floor of DePew as of December 1st. The lease has been signed and we are painting and cleaning the floors this month for the tenant. That leaves only the small office on the Hudson Ave. side of the building left to rent.

Meetings and Programs

Three staff members attended the New York Library Association (NYLA) Conference in Saratoga Springs during the first week of November. The Library sent Rosemary Farrell and Dennis Sullivan and Elizabeth Hobson attended thanks to a grant award she received from NYLA. All three will be sending me written reports and will lead a Monday Morning training session during November on their experience at NYLA.

The October Carnegie Concert was a big success, with 90 people attending an entertaining concert from Cocomama. Thanks go to the Friends for their sponsorship and Paula Sabul from the Programming Committee for arranging the concert.