
Director's Report

November 12, 2018

Personnel

We are continuing negotiations with NYSUT and I am reporting back to and in consultation with the Labor Committee on issues under discussion. We have made some progress on several of the issues and we are scheduled to meet again on November 27th.

Buildings and Grounds

I have received the building permit from the Village of Nyack but I still don't have a scheduled date to begin construction. David Scharf has reached out to the architect Mike Esmay to find information about the interior doors so he can match them. That seems to be the only holdup right now. Donna Lightfoot Cooper and I are discussing the relocation of some furniture and other items in preparation for the construction.

Meetings and Programs

We had a wonderful Carnegie Concert in October, featuring The Piermont Chamber Music Society, our first Saturday concert in a long time and our best attended. The November Concert is also scheduled for a Saturday so we will see if the trend continues.

Two other programs of note in October were a book talk about landscape design, co-sponsored by the Garden Club, which drew 65 people for an afternoon presentation. The author of the book, *The Making of The History of Landscape Design in 100 Gardens* made the presentation and afterward audience members lined up to have copies of her book signed.

On Friday, October 26, author Linda Zimmerman did a talk on "The Ghosts of Nyack" and afterwards three separate groups from the audience were lead through the library for a "ghost hunt." There are no reports whether any actual ghosts were spotted.

The Nyack School District and the Library will begin a collaboration starting in January to provide after-school homework help to middle and high-schoolers. Teachers from the middle and high school will provide that help. The only thing we will be providing is the space, which is the Maker Space. I am working with Kim Naples to make sure that her ongoing afternoon teen programs continue and we work to make room for this partnership.