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1933 SHINHOPPLE MEMORIAL CENTER 2018

The All Saints Chapel-Shinhopple Memorial Center

HISTORY:

In 1932 community members felt that they needed a permanent place to worship. Property was donated and church construction funding was provided by philanthropist Angelica L. Gerry who also funded the building of the Episcopal church in Lake Delaware. In December a foundation of local bluestone was laid and in January of 1933 the construction of the rustic log church was begun and finished in time to hold services on Easter Sunday of that year. The building was in use as an Episcopal church until 1950 when age and declining membership forced its abandonment. The chapel was then incorporated on May 30, 1951 and turned into a community center. The Shinhopple Memorial Center was dedicated on July 4, 1951. The center was dedicated to four local veterans who were killed in action: Richard O. McCarthy, Leonard I. Tompkins, William D. Francisco and William R. McKune. On November 3, 1952 the land and building payments were completed and turned over to the community.

MEMBERSHIP, DONATIONS AND GRANTS - Water, water, everywhere!

It has been a productive year for the Shinhopple Memorial Center – we received a grant for \$3,865.00 for the well drilling & installation; we raised the matching funds with dues, donations, BBQ and Benefit Breakfast. The well drilling has been scheduled and we hope to see it completed the near future.

In December we received our 2nd grant from the O'Connor Foundation in the amount of \$3,310.00 for the septic system installation. Now we must raise the matching funds. We hope to be able to complete the installation of the indoor plumbing in the near future also. We have met with the Code Enforcement Officer and have plotted out the well and septic system placements.

Additional grants are being submitted to upgrade the building to comply with the requirements of American Disabilities Act, which include, handicap accessibility – a smooth walkway with railing from designated parking to the building, a ramp for the entrance, installation of a 36" exterior door with push bar operation and motion sensor light. ADA approved bathroom-36" door with lever door handles, ADA approved toilet, vanity with sink and an automatic sensor light switch.

The last phase will be to complete the kitchen with the installation of counters, cabinets, sink, stove and refrigerator. We will keep writing grants and hope we receive more donations. Our membership is now up to 77 members and we would like to see that grow. In the spring we will install an information box on the historical sign in front of the Memorial Center, which will hold our flyers & membership forms for visitors who may be encouraged to join.

We are committed to the effort of keeping the historical Memorial Center self-sustaining and keeping up our membership drive – Dues: \$15.00 individual Family: \$25.00 (Please note the # of family members)

It is our intent to make the Shinhopple Memorial Center a beautiful historic building that can be used for numerous events and continue its existence as a community center. If you would like to be on the board or a trustee please contact me.

Please join us and if you know of others who may be interested in the caretaking of our local history please contact me at: 607-363-2094 – pepacton@catskill.net Make Checks & Donations Payable to: Shinhopple Memorial Center

Member Name(s) _____ Individual \$15.00 Family \$25.00 #

Address: _____

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