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Preservation Committee Report -- April 20, 2023

NYS Aid for Library Construction Program – Roof Reconstruction Project:

- Funding for \$33,610 was approved in late December 2022 by the State Education Department for repair of the west-facing gable roof tiles and fascia boards (Project number 0386-22-9243). A check for \$30,249 (90% of the grant) was received and deposited at CLNB in January.
- A revised contract proposal for the project submitted by Hale Roofing of Horseheads, NY was approved by the AFL Board of Trustees at the April 11 Trustees Special Meeting at a cost of \$68,044. Hale Roofing approved and returned to us a signed contract on April 13. On April 19, Steve confirmed that Hale has ordered the roof tile and is awaiting confirmation of a delivery date (6 to 12 weeks expected). Thus, mobilization may be expected in mid-June to mid-July. Payment terms to Hale Roofing are 50% due upon mobilization with the balance due upon completion.
- Dave is preparing a Roof Application Permit to submit to the Village of Aurora, at a cost of \$50.
- A Building Fund Capital Fundraising effort is proposed to help offset costs to the Library. The roof project can be used as a kick-off event to publicize the need for Building Fund donations, but it is anticipated that the Building Fund will progress for at least three years to address other Library projects, including window renovations, exterior surface repair and painting, and the air-conditioning project for the Morgan Opera House.

Morgan Opera House Air Conditioning:

- Dave, Steve, and Ellen will work together with the Preservation Committee to develop a new proposal to request funding for this project through the 2024 New York State Aid for Library Construction Program. The Dentes family and Triad have generously proposed to donate a combined \$30,000 as matching funds.
- Taitem Engineering of Ithaca submitted a contract proposal to assist the AFL in the design, specifications, and installation of a suitable AC system. Following discussion and recommendations from the Preservation Committee, Ellen has asked Taitem to revise their proposal. Her notes on this process follow:
 1. The project will most likely require a ventilation system as well as electrical upgrades which will add to the design and construction costs.
 2. Taitem will work price increases and other contingencies into a new quote so inflationary pressures will be covered by the grant request we make to NYS Library Construction Aid (LCA).
 3. Taitem will bill us as each phase of the project is individually completed. If we don't go to the construction or bidding phase, we would not be liable for those costs.
 4. Ellen had expected an updated proposal from Taitem in time for the April 20 AFL Board meeting. Without that, we may need a Special Meeting to discuss and approve their revised proposal so as to initiate the design phase of the project in May to early July. That would give us time to receive a contractor bid estimate that is needed for finalizing the LCA grant, which must be submitted to FLLS by September 1.