

Aurora Free Library

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Preservation Committee Report -- May 18, 2023

NYS Bullet Aid Requested:

-- Dave, Sandy, and Susan worked this past week to submit two letters of request for \$10,000 of "Bullet Aid" for libraries from our State representatives Senator Rachel May and Assemblyman Jeff Gallahan.

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 has ordered the roof tile and is awaiting confirmation of a delivery date. Mobilization may be expected in mid-summer. Hale Roofing costs will be invoiced at 50% upon mobilization with the balance due upon completion.

- Dave applied for and received a *Roof Application Permit* from the Village of Aurora, at a cost of \$50.

- A Capital Fundraising effort is proposed to establish a Building Fund 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 fundraising will progress for at least three years to address other Library projects, including window renovations, exterior surface repair and painting, and additional roof repairs.

Morgan Opera House Air Conditioning:

-- Ellen has worked with Taitem Engineering of Ithaca to address Preservation Committee comments to develop a new proposal to assist the AFL in the design, specifications, and installation of a suitable AC system for the MOH. The Dentes family and Triad have generously proposed to donate a combined \$30,000 for the project. Additional funding will be requested through a grant application through the 2024 New York State Aid for Library Construction Program, which must be submitted to FLLS by Sept. 1.

Ellen's notes on this process follow:

1. Taitem has agreed to meet our deadline of August 1 for their submittal to the AFL of an installation-contractor bid, which is required as part of our application for State aid. Taitem will ensure that price increases and other contingencies are built into the bid so inflationary pressures will be covered when construction is initiated in 2024.
2. The project will likely require upgrades to the existing ventilation system and electrical panel.
3. Taitem will bill us as each phase of the project is individually completed. If we don't go to the bid or construction phase, we would not be liable for those costs.
4. Ellen has submitted the updated proposal from Taitem for AFL Board discussion and a vote at the May 18 meeting. Approval by the Board will initiate the design phase of the project. The Preservation Committee recommends that the Board approve the modified Taitem proposal, which is attached along with miscellaneous notes about the process from Ellen.