

Red Brick Schoolhouse Restoration Inc. News

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**St. Germain and Neighbors: Once again-
we need your vote!**



Dear Community Member

The Red Brick Schoolhouse Restoration Committee, Inc. has worked very hard this summer raising money for the restoration of the Red Brick Schoolhouse. We have come to realize, however, that it is going to take too long to collect enough money to begin the restoration of the entrance and windows of the schoolhouse. Therefore, when we were approached by community members to initiate an electors meeting we decided to help call an elector meeting to appropriate the money. We will ask the electors to appropriate UP TO \$100,000 for the restoration. This approbation will be spread out over a 15 to 20 year period. Payments on the loan (if \$100,000) should somewhere between \$5,000 and \$7,000 per year. We have learned we can't guarantee the town's people that we can raise all of the money, but we should be able to continue our fundraisers to collect a big portion of it. We may find out we only need to appropriate \$60,0000 or \$40,000 or even \$20,000) if we get big donors who want to sponsor a window. WE ARE COMMITTED TO KEEPING THE LANDMARK OFF THE TAX ROLLS AND WITH THE CONTINUED HELP OF THE COMMUNITY- WE CAN.

We also hope to have a drive for donations from families to purchase a window or the front entryway. The names of the families would be placed on a plaque in the school. Wisconsin Public Service has committed to an unspecified amount. However big or small their donation is, we appreciate it very much.

The town board, at the October 11th meeting, approved a resolution to maintain the 1941 portion of the school. We want to thank the town board for this terrific start towards maintaining the building; the new roof looks great, but remember this commitment is only for half of the building. The entire building is structurally sound and very usable for our community needs; we need to save this entire building.

We need your support at the meeting on October 21 at 7 pm in the Community Center. We hope that the Community Center is packed with supporters of the old school and non-supporters please share your concerns. This vote will be for eligible St. Germain Voters only, but we welcome supporters from the area. There is no absentee voting. To be an eligible voter you must:

- Be at least 18 years old
- Have resided in St. Germain for the past 10 days
- Not have lost your voting privilege due to a felony

THIS IS THE ONE THAT COUNTS- so please set aside this hour to help us save once and for all- the town landmark we all call; the Red Brick Schoolhouse.

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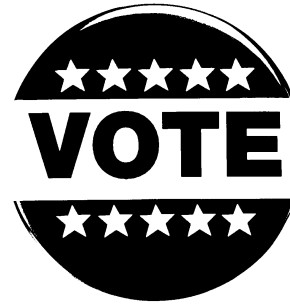
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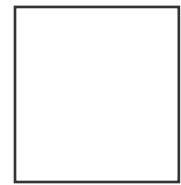
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IF you need to register to be eligible to vote at the electors meeting, please contact Town Clerk, Tom Martens. You can call, (542-3813) email (ktnorth@nnex.net) or write (PO Box #7, St Germain WI 54558)



ap·pro·pri·a·tion
n. The act of appropriating.
1. Something appropriated, especially public funds set aside for a specific purpose.
2. A legislative act authorizing the expenditure of a designated amount of public funds for a specific purpose.

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