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Greetings from the Bates Hall Preservation Society Directors:

You are receiving this packet as November is our yearly membership/donation drive. We have some very exciting news to share. **A past Bates resident approached us with a proposal to donate matching funds up to a total of \$10,000 received from November 1, 2024 thru November 30, 2024. Bigari Ace is our Corporate Sponsor and has also offered to hold a funding round up from November 1 through November 10, 2024. Note:** You can also drop off any donation to the CoVantage Credit Union and state it is a donation for the Bates Hall Preservation Society. [BHPS is tax exempt under IRS Code Section 501(3). EIN: 86-1744011].

BHPS Updates:

- * We now have our own website: savebateshall.com. It is full of project information, pictures, events, forms for donations, bricks, and membership. It accepts Paypal!
- * Our Facebook page is: Bates Hall Preservation Society - BHPS.
- * We now have our own email address: info@savebateshall.com. Message us with any questions.
- * We are on the selection list for Thrivent Choice Dollars!
- * We have been working very hard seeking grants and remain optimistic.
- * We have a funding thermometer installed at the Bates Hall and just recently marked it to \$232,000 due to our various fundraisers and receipt of donations since our inception in 2021.
- * With your help, and receipt of grants, we hope to break ground April 2025 with Phase I. A newly functional basement, move the hall away from being too close to the Bates Amasa Road and install an energy efficient furnace and hot water heater. We are looking to remodel the bathrooms with an additional toilet in the women's bathroom and add a urinal in the men's bathroom. Phase 2 will be the much needed building insulation, new energy efficient siding and windows and gutters. In 2026, we will be working on Legacy Park which will showcase the engraved bricks purchased. [225 to date].
- * With the creation of Legacy Park we hope to bring family gatherings back to the hall by having socials, games, music venues, picnics, picnic tables, and other activities.
- * We are always seeking volunteers for our fundraisers. Donate your time as much or as little as you want.

The field stone basement is deteriorating rapidly. Time is of the essence!!! Together we can, and will, restore our historic 1907 Bates Township Hall which is full of so many memories. Our deepest appreciation for your continued support.

Sincerely,

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