



Bates Hall Preservation Society

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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 month. We also have reminders and news to share. [BHPS is tax exempt under IRS Code Section 501(c)3. EIN: 86-1744011].

BHPS Reminders and Updates:

- * We have been working very hard fundraising and seeking grants.
- * Website: savebateshall.com. It is full of project information, pictures, events, and forms for donations, bricks and memberships. It accepts Paypal.
- * Facebook is: Bates Hall Preservation Society - BHPS.
- * Email: info@savebateshall.com Feel free to message us with questions or ideas or if you know of a grant possibility!
- * Mailing address: P.O. Box 542, Iron River, MI 49935
- * We are on the selection list for Thrivent Choice Dollars!
- * We have a funding thermometer at the Bates Hall and just recently marked it to \$290,000, which is due to various grant awards, fundraisers and receipt of donations since our inception in 2021. Our end of year goal is \$300K!
- * Unfortunately, our 2025 earmark grant, with the Federal government, did not go as planned with the pulling of all earmarks at the last minute, in order to adopt the Federal Budget. But the good news is the Hall Project is back in for 2026, however reduced by \$100K and is now at \$250K.
- * We received a Kohler grant for two new toilets and sinks. They have been received.
- * We received a Lowe's Hero's Project Grant which afforded us the ability to be able to enhance Legacy Park's surroundings which will also include picnic tables.
- * With your help, and receipt of grants, we now hope to break ground April 2026 with Phase I. This will move the Hall from being too close to the Bates Amasa Road and onto the new basement, install an energy efficient furnace and hot water heater and a new corridor connecting the Bates Township Offices to the Hall. In this corridor, a Bates mini museum will be created. Phase 2 will be the much-needed building insulation, new energy efficient siding and windows and installation of gutters.
- * In 2027, we will be creating Legacy Park. We currently have 239 bricks. (A brick order form is included in this mailing).
- * With the creation of Legacy Park, we hope to bring family gatherings back to the Hall by having socials, games, music venues, picnics, and other activities.
- * A mural on the inside North upper wall will be created depicting the rich heritage of mining, logging, and farming. A stained-glass piece will be installed above the new front doors. All done with local talent!
- * 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. [If you wish to be removed from our informative November mailings, please let us know].

Sincerely,

Margee Brennan
President

Vice President Sharon Ryden
Director Waunetta Seymour

Secretary/Treasurer Sue Passamani
Director Avie Powell

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Newsletter Update

We are excited to announce that our Corporate Sponsor, Bigari Ace Hardware, will be conducting a round up from November 1 through November 8. We officially marked the funding thermometer to \$290,000. Every dollar adds up as we work hard to reach our goal of a year end balance of \$300,000. The project is still in the Federal budget which means, if officially approved, we will be able to start the project Spring of 2026. We look forward to moving/restoring the Historic 1907 Bates Hall.

**Thank you for your continued support!
Bates Hall Preservation Society Directors**

YES! I am interested in:

- ☐ Membership (\$15 a year).
- ☐ In volunteering when needed. Contact me.
- ☐ In Bake Sales. Please contact me.
- ☐ I would like to meet with a representative to discuss how I can assist with this project.
- ☐ Enclosed is my donation of \$_____.
Check payable to BHPS.

- Please print clearly -

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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