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## Budget & Building Committee Minutes

February 2, 2022

In attendance: Lorie Ames, Bethany Zerbe, Priscilla Popp, Jessica DeMarte (Director)  
excused: Dave Shearing

Priscilla Popp called the meeting to order at 5:37 pm.

Director DeMarte presented options to change phone providers to help decrease costs and improve quality. Bethany made a motion to change telephone providers to Spectrum and Priscilla seconded the motion.

Director DeMarte presented a quote from CopierFax for a new copy machine because the current lease will be up in September. Priscilla made a motion to accept the five year contract on a new color copier from CopierFax and Lorie seconded the motion.

Next, the committee reviewed several options for the 2023 budget. After discussion, Bethany made a motion to pursue the budget option with a 4% increase for the June 2022 vote and Priscilla seconded the motion.

Director DeMarte will investigate how to calculate the average rate for a \$100,000 house to help with the budget presentation. She will also update the budget to include the recommended changes from the committee listed above. Finally, she look into the amount borrowed from reserve funds to ensure the funds are returned if needed in the 2023 budget.

A discussion was held regarding the second round of memorial stones for the brick walkway. Director DeMarte presented one quote and will seek additional quotes from masons to perform the needed work.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jessica DeMarte.