

## TOWER RESTORATION COMMITTEE

There was a lot of behind-the-scenes committee work during 2021, setting the stage for more physically visible actions in 2022. We focused on planning and preparing for the Tower Restoration Capital Campaign which will most likely “launch” by late Spring or early summer. The goal is still to raise \$300,000 over the next few years.

### A Summary of Committee Accomplishments:

- Coped with challenges and delays presented by the ongoing pandemic.
- Completed a successful Presbyterian Foundation Loan Fund application for \$100,000 with the intention of using those funds as a “construction loan” while the restoration work continues during 2022 and 2023.
- Established a partnership with the Northern New York Community Foundation, including a \$25,000 matching grant to bolster our fundraising campaign.
- Created printed materials for the campaign to help tell the bell and clock tower’s story as a community landmark and describe the repairs needed for restoration.
- Created a highly informative website that will be paired with the printed materials, describing the tower’s history and project in greater detail. Many thanks to Greg Stephens for his generous donation of time and expertise.
- Began the “silent phase” of the campaign to solicit gifts from individuals and organizations with potential interest in supporting the project at a “leadership level” of giving. This process will continue until the full campaign is launched.
- Provided a general cleaning of the tower interior, anticipating greater public interest in viewing the chimes and the original Hay Memorial Library reading rooms.
- Scheduled the next phase of work to be done by the masonry contractors. Some interior structural work will be done this winter with exterior work resuming in late spring, weather permitting.

The Committee appreciates the time and effort given by Bernie Brown, prior to his move to Cazenovia in mid-2021. We miss his contributions, yet others have stepped up to help pick up the slack in his absence. Amy Scanlin also contributed her time and talents to the committee this year, but had to step aside due to work commitments. Many thanks to everyone on the committee for countless hours of time and effort.

If you have questions about the project or would like to become more involved, contact any member of the committee: Jim Wilson, Judy Fiorentino, Rich Connell, John Deans, Dave Geurtsen, Patti Stephens, Dick Stephens and Janet Quinn.

Janet Quinn  
Co-Chair

