

Farmhouse Report for Annual Meeting -June 2020

As we enter the summer season for the farmhouse, it is looking very different this year due to covid-19 . All rentals were cancelled from mid March to May 30 and we are not sure when we will be able to resume renting. We are following the Michigan guidelines until further notice. The health and safety of our members and guests is our top priority at this time.

That said, we have made some improvements in the farmhouse this year. There was leakage happening in the shower area in the downstairs suite because the shower curtain wasn't enough protection. Vern put a glass shower door and new vinyl floating plank flooring in and it really looks wonderful. We painted some of the bedroom furniture and added a few small bedside tables. We continue to replace lamps and furniture that can't easily or safely be repaired. In memory of our founders and early members of the Prairie Club, we continue to add a few more vintage photos of PC members enjoying nature. It is always good to be reminded of our club's rich history of conservation and love of the outdoors.

We continue to encourage the cleaning of the farmhouse by our renters when they leave by keeping a good supply of cleaning supplies. We added a new vacuum to the upstairs so guests can easily vacuum their rooms before checking out. Most of our guests do a good job of cleaning, but we are trying to make that as easy as possible for **everyone** to do. It is a **shared facility** and it is very important to us that it be as clean as possible for the next renters who will be staying there.

Up until March of this year, the farmhouse had continued to be a favorite setting for many of our Prairie Club members and their guests. We had a very busy Summer and Fall as people enjoyed time with friends, weekend getaways, family celebrations, reunions, bridal showers, girlfriend gatherings retreats.and much more.

No doubt we will be making some changes to our cleaning and rental policies as we all adjust to the "new normal" regarding the coronavirus and its effects on our lives. We will have to move forward in new ways and we will need to be flexible as these changes occur.

Much appreciation and many thanks go to Vern and Deanna for the hard work they do to keep the farmhouse looking good and staying clean. We cannot thank Jacquie and Natalie enough for all they do in the office to keep the farmhouse rentals organized and up to date. This is a team effort and the communication between all of us is crucial.

As proud managers of the farmhouse , we continue to look for ways to make this charming facility - safer, cleaner, brighter, affordable and more user friendly.

Respectfully submitted ,
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Farmhouse Chairs

