

PEP MEETING  
February 09, 2009

President Ron McAtee called meeting to order at 7:05pm

Attendees: Ron McAtee- Pres	Peter Steele – Secretary
Jodell Johanson – Treasurer	Judith Sohocki Pam Ruminski
Elicia Dadlow	Phyllis Marks (guest)
Gordon Johanson	Tim Stabosz Judian Brietenbach
Bob Boklund	Clara Lawrence Christine Rosario

**Announcements**

Electronic version of the PEP brochure is now on the website.

**Previous Minutes**

**Motion** Gordon Johanson, Second Clara Lawrence to accept January minutes with minor corrections. Motion Carried.

**Motion**, Gordon Johanson, Second Tim Stabosz to accept December (2008) minutes with minor corrections. Motion Carried

**Treasurer's Report** Jodell

LPSB Checking 1/15/2009: 1,815.97

Investment Account 1/31/2009: \$17,199.74

Membership dues are due now.

**Motion** Pam Ruminski, Second Christine Rosario to accept the financial report. Motion Carried

**Committees**

Finance Committee – No report.

Bylaws committee – Draft of bylaws is in process.

Membership (no chair)

Membership dues were due in January: \$15 individual, \$25 family, \$50 Corporation and \$10 Student Senior Citizen are due for 2008. Student is a full time student and Senior Citizen is 60 or older. Ron to send out an email to members to ask for membership dues. This will be followed up with a letter.

Social - Pam Ruminski

In July, Christine and her husband will host our picnic. Social looking at having a festival at the Ames farm near Summit prison farm.

Publicity/newsletter (no chair)

No report.

Phyllis gave us presentation on the Pinhook Church, the oldest standing church in LaPorte county, built in 1847. The church was on the Candle Light tour in 2007. She wants to get the Chapel on the National Register of Historic Places to protect the church and to be able to receive grants. Indiana passed the application and it is now with the National Park Service. Although the listing has not been accepted by National Park Service, it is expected. The cost of the application assistance was \$1,200, and PEP will consider supporting this expense.

**Old Business**

### 1. LaPorte Historic Preservation Commission Recommendations

There may still be openings on the Historic Preservation Commission. PEP Member Diane Noe said that she has been accepted as a member of the commission. Clara is interested as well. Contact Mary Jane Thomas if you are interested. Juan Puente and Tim Stabosz are on the Commission and can inform and assist.

### 2. History Research Seminar

Fern Eddy Schultz is reviewing Tim's syllabus proposal.

### 3. Membership Letter

Need a firm number for budget purposes. Pam and Tim suggest that \$100 is a good number to plan for. Ron suggested that we target LaPorte County.

### 4. Database Maintenance

Ron has the member database now.

### 5. Little Theater Light Fixture

LaPorte Little Theater donated it to PEP, and Bob Kopnick and Domingo Rodriguez picked it up from the theater and it has sustained more damage.

## **New Business**

### 1. Survey/Goals

Total of 23 have responded. A summary of the results are on-line at our web site.

### 2. First House Preservation Gathering

Feb. 21 at 10a.m. 308 Warwick Street. Possibly looking at repairing windows, plaster work, paint stripping, floor repair.

**Motion** Tim Stabosz, Second Gordon Johanson for PEP to provide lunch with a budget of \$50.

### 3. Walking tour – link address

Ron developed a google website that has all of the LaPorte listed historic properties. He also showed the 2006 walking tour brochure that is available at the library.

<http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?hl=en&ie=UTF8&msa=0&msid=113287217153459189432.000462459fb3c19175b77&z=15/>

or follow the link on the PEP website under walking tour.

The group discussed the process of designation of historic properties in LaPorte.

Christine Rosario Art and Culture trail maps being developed for mini-tours in LaPorte County.

Planning meeting tomorrow, February 10<sup>th</sup>.

### Other

Pam discussed a group of churches possibly getting together to prevent the destruction of the St Paul's Church in front of the hospital. The hospital is always interested in expanding its footprint.

**Motion** Peter Steele, Second Gordon Johanson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 9:04 pm Next meeting will be March 9