

PEP MEETING  
NOVEMBER 13, 2006  
MINUTES

Pam Ruminski called meeting to order at 7:15

Attendees: Pam Ruminski- Pres                      Bob Boklund- Secretary  
                  Tim Stabosz – Treas                      Joyce Cook  
                  Andy Ruminski                                      Sandy Bruce  
                  Don Bowman                                         Bob & Karen Kopnicky – visitors  
                  Gladys Larson – visitor

Minutes: Tim motion to approve, Don 2<sup>nd</sup>, minutes approved.

Treasurer's report, Tim Stabosz:

\$ 1,105.73	10/26/06	LP Savings Checking
\$26,816.72	10/31/06	Fidelity

Committees

1. Membership – No report
2. Social – No report
3. Publicity/Newsletter – no report
4. Candle Light Tour – sites are confirmed. LaPorte Transporte system will be hired as shuttle from Pioneer Land to Orr Mansion.

Old Business

- A. Pine Lake Firestation- PEP should push for leaving on site. A letter should be sent to Mayor and voice of the people in this regard. Todd Zeiger from Historic Landmarks in South Bend will promote also.
- B. 1008 Michigan Ave. - They have applied for a 501 c 3 status. After first of the year major fund raising will begin.

New Business

- A. Michele Barber will not be able to continue as Vice President for the group. Need nominations for our election of officers in December.

B. First Baptist Church, 802 Indiana Ave, La Porte. Visitor and church member, Gladys Larson explained that the church is now for sale by Century 21, Laurel Knoll. The membership has dropped dramatically in the past several years from 150+ to about 35 members. They are no longer able to keep up the costs of the building. They are very concerned about the future of the church. Tim reported that the church is listed on the local historic registry, thanks to Jane Westphal. Todd & Paul, from Historic Landmarks will contact member, Chuck Janauczyk from New Carlisle, to go through the building. An ad will be put in the tour book. Other suggestions are to list in the Historic Preservation Magazine, grants, etc. Need to pull history from our prior tour book, 1997.

### Other Business

- A. Bob & Karen Kopnicky are the owners of Vintage Lighting , 3297 N 400 W, La Porte, 369-3241. They are now new members of PEP. Welcome!  
Bob has been working with Fern Eddy Schultz on a project in the Pine Lake Cemetery. The monument is made of zinc and was damaged by a fallen tree. Bob can repair the monument for material costs of about \$600. He is willing to donate the labor. They are contacting other groups, such as Sons of the Union Veterans, hoping for donations toward this project. He is asking PEP if they are interested in donating. Bob made motion for intent to donate to the restoration, Don 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed. He is hoping a permanent fund could be set up and restoration of other damaged tombstones could be done on a continuous basis.  
The stone belongs to a Civil War Veteran, Henry J. Martin, MD. Born in 1850. He was a member of Co. D17th, Indiana Infantry, Grand Army of the Republic Veterans 1866. Masonic Emblem- K.S.H.T.W.S.S.T. Made by Amercian White Bronze Company in Chicago.
- B. Indian Boundry Festival- Details to follow in February.
- C. Historic Landmarks will hold an open house in South Bend on December 5<sup>th</sup>.
- D. Proposed building for the 1812 Rumely tractor is a no-go at the LaPorte County Museum.

Note: October meeting was cancelled.

Meeting adjourned 8:30.

Respectfully submitted Bob Boklund, Secretary/Pam Ruminski, President.  
Next meeting is December 11, 2006 at the Swanson Activity Center.

