

PEP MEETING  
December 10, 2007

Pam Ruminski called meeting to order at 7:08 pm .

Attendees:	Pam Ruminski- Pres	Clara Lawrence
	Joyce Cook- VP	Bob Boklund - Secretary
	Peter Steele	Don Bowman
	Domingo & Luz Rodriguez	Juan Puento

Previous Minutes: Motion Don Bowman, second by Clara Lawrence to approve previous minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Made by Pam. Must still bill advertisers and pay musicians for the tour.  
\$693.17 LPSB - 11/15/07 & \$30,123.79 Fidelity - 11/30/07

CANDLE-LIGHT TOUR: About 600 tickets sold, down from about 1000 last year: primarily weather-related. People seemed to like the tour!

Corsages and Buttoniers were something new, donated by Al's. The Corsages were well received, the Buttoniers were not that popular. Perhaps we don't need to do the Buttoniers next year.

Juan recommended we have liability insurance. Pam confirmed that we do. He also recommended candles be replaced with flashlights to avoid fire hazard. Perhaps little electric candles such as are commonly available, available at about \$0.50 each and last 60 hours.

Don recommends only having music at the church. Music is an expense. Perhaps certain types of music groups don't work at the smaller houses. Music is also an opportunity to support the arts. No decision or motion was proposed.

Clara suggested that we announce need for houses early in the summer, perhaps in the paper like was done later this year.

After tour party was wonderful – much thanks to Karen and Larry Wroblecki.

Could use more PR follow-up for the tour, on radio and newspaper.

Cable TV filmed the tour: it was on cable. Pam is going to try to get the DVD to share.

FUND RAISING PROJECT IDEAS: Luz recommended a haunted house tour as a fund-raiser. How can we attract younger members?

Juan suggested we put objects of art out, which, rather than cows, would be doors. Artists, auction the doors off after they've been displayed. St. Joe did a program last summer with little cars. Valparaiso did love seats. Suggested to use standard 30x60" solid core doors. Artists could manipulate them any way they want to. Could bring up to \$10k-\$20k.

County houses as a tour idea, possibly added to "arts in the county" event (tourism bureau)

Committees

1. Membership – No report
2. Social – No report
3. Publicity/Newsletter – no report

Old Business

A. 1008 Michigan – Tim, Joyce, Paul Hayden met with the vestry. Wanted to know if we wanted the extra land which we thought we needed for parking. They proposed that we purchase the building and leave the extra lot to them. Someone else is interested in the building as well, perhaps after we get it and stabilize it. Pam suggests we offer them \$75k for the building and the smaller lot. Tim suggests we would also need an easement to the back of the building. Tim is saying that his financing would be conditional on an easement to the rear. Juan suggested that the condition on the financing would be inappropriate. Pam suggested we don't have enough information to make a decision because the financing is not well defined. Action item: the conditions for borrowing the money need to be understood, both from the Landmark's loan and additional financing. Don wants to see the property description. Pam asks the group if they would be interested in purchasing at \$75k if no strings attached? Group consensus was we need more details.

B. Nomination of officers: Peter Steele – Secretary, Tim Stabosz – Treasurer. Pam Ruminski – President, Joyce Cook – VP slate proposed. Motion Second Motion carried.

New Business

A Juan suggests we look at the Ridgeway building. The city purchased it for about \$65k. They may be interested in us re-habbing the building.

B. Lucy's created a drawing for a gift basket. Juan pulled the gift basket winner. Winner was Ann Smith Ann Smith, 4761 E. St. Rd. 4, La Porte (369-1259)

C. Drawing for tour winners:

1st place: Jackie Hab, 322 N Riverside Dr, Winamac IN 46996

2nd place: Kay Ruedi, 6122 E 350 N, Rolling Prairie IN 46371

3rd place: Chris Stantz, 4647 S. Edward Ct, La Porte IN 46350

Motion to Adjourn: Don Bowman, Peter Steele 2<sup>nd</sup>. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM .

Respectfully submitted by Bob Boklund, Secretary/Pam Ruminski, President  
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