

PEP MEETING

April 14, 2008

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

Attendees:	Pam Ruminski- Pres	Joyce Cook- VP
	Peter Steele -- Secretary	Tim Stabosz – Treasurer
	Clara Lawrence	Ken Baker
	Bob Boklund	Juan Punte
	Don Bowman	Judian Breitenbach
	Susan Kieffer	Bob Kopnicky

Guests: Joan Chumley (Preservationists of Michigan City)

Announcements

Group and guest pot-luck at Rodriguez' Saturday, May 17 4:30pm

MC Preservationists doing a three part seminar series on historic gardens

May Designing a historic garden

June Get your hands dirty – putting in the garden

July Maintenance of your historic garden

Looking to do other presentations for repairs such as tuck-pointing

Previous Minutes:

Motion Peter Steele, second Don Bowman, to accept March minutes with minor corrections.
Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report

No report

Membership

Sari Asher Maniste Center new member

Jim Rodgers (LaPorte County Museum Curator) new member

Susan Kieffer

Social – No report.

Publicity / Newsletter – no report.

Old Business

1008 Michigan – No feedback from the church. Vestry meeting coming up Sunday 4/20/2008.

Landmarks funds are used up for the time being, probably three months to replenish. Expectation that the offer will not be accepted. No more action until we hear back from the Church vestry.

Five most endangered: **Action:** Tim to work on press release for five most endangered.

Discussed enhancing meetings with other presentations such as the one tonight on Belle Gunness including restoration, stained glass, sketching, etc.

Pine Lake Assembly -- Joyce suggested that we consider assisting Pine Lake Assembly in putting the doors back to the original dual entry doors. They currently have a single door, and have budgeted \$500 for the repair of the (singular) entry door. **Action:** Joyce or Peter to discuss with Brian Dragos the concept of dual entry doors.

New Business

Outstanding Restoration Award nominations:

- 513 C Street (Diana Marovich) was on the tour year before last. (Pam suggested)
- Rory Bunce's warehouse building on Monroe Street. (Tim suggested)
- Martin and Tereicia Dolan' house on 300 East between 2 and 20. (Susan suggested)
- House across from Gorecki's that re-built their porch. (Tim suggested)
- Advanced Physical Therapy (former Kessler's furniture) building. (Juan suggested)

Should we consider two categories, such as residential and commercial?

Action: Group to review list from the minutes and vote at the next meeting on the winner.

Motion: Tim, Second, Bob Boklund to approve a \$100 budget for the party on May 17th.

County Tour

Tourism bureau is going to send out a mass-mailing asking for historic buildings in the county. Would like to have a home tour in mid-September of properties in the county (outside of LaPorte). Possibly do a bus tour, possibly have a few of the structures open for people to tour. Kopnick's house, Church past Garwood, Round Barn, Ames property, etc. A two-day tour or an all-day tour, possibly 6-8 structures. **Action:** Ken and Pam to get together and talk about possibilities. Still considering the idea of a ghost tour, possibly including old cemeteries.

Historic research project

Class to teach how to research history of buildings or homes. Overhead projector (or opaque projector) and review them. Tim met with Fern Eddie Schultz to discuss ideas and agenda. **Action:** Tim to get copies of different materials to present. Joan suggested selling CDs with PowerPoint presentation and possibly doing it at MC public library and possibly other libraries.

Contractor's List

Trying to gather names of good craftsmen and contractors. Have received some negative references as well. We want to keep this internal for now. Juan suggested contractors to register with PEP for a small fee. Possibly require certificate of insurance and references.

Preserve America for LaPorte

Presentation was given to Historic Preservation Commission about how to do an application. Historic Preservation Commission still reviewing. Barb Krieg filled the opening on the Historic Preservation Commission.

Brochure mailing – should go out in the next couple of weeks.

Pam commented about the downtown, 700 block of Lincolnway is looking kind of shabby.

Motion: Moved by Tim, seconded by Juan to adjourn meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:48pm.

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