

PEP MEETING  
January 14, 2008

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

Attendees:	Pam Ruminski- Pres	Clara Lawrence
	Joyce Cook- VP	
	Peter Steele -- Secretary	Tim Stabosz -- Treasurer
	Domingo Rodriguez	Luz Rodriguez
	Don Bowman	Dean White

Previous Minutes: **Motion** Tim Stabosz, second Peter Steele to accept December minutes with minor corrections. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report: 2006 financial statement distributed and reviewed by Tim. 2007 financials to be done in the next 60 days. Candle Light Tour report and Investment Summary report for 2007 by the next meeting.

**Motion** by Don Bowman, second by Joyce Cook accept 2006 financial report. Motion carried.

December 2007 balances:

\$ 2,230.79 LPSB - 12/14/07 & \$29,852.13 Fidelity - 12/31/07

2007 net stock investments not much gain.

Membership dues: \$15 individual, \$25 family, \$50 corporation and \$10 Senior Citizen are due for 2008.

Membership – Pam requested that two people get involved with membership committee, to send out brochure and letter to Pam's mailing list. Just be a member, send dues, get email updates.

ACTION: Peter to write letter

ACTION: Pam to send Peter Letterhead and picture for tour brochure

ACTION: Pam to create mailing list

Possible distribution, former tour houses, former membership, historic preservation commission, Landmarks mailing list

Social – No report.

Publicity / Newsletter – no report.

Old Business

- A. Candle-Light Tour – still putting together results
- B. 1008 Michigan – Vestry met to approve offer at 75k to sell 1008 building to PEP. They now want a total 50ft lot remaining so they could sell the property and build on it. Lots, if changed, would need to be compliant with current zoning regulations. Need to find out what the Church's intentions are. Need to find out what width would be required to provide off-street parking. **Motion** Clara Lawrence, second Joyce Cook "We will only consider the purchase of 1008 purchase including land defined by Lot 11, Lot 12 and half of the vacated alley for the \$ . (essentially rejecting the counter-offer) Motion carried.
- C. Tour plaques – deferred. ACTION: Peter to find article
- D. Pine Lake Assembly Building ACTION: Peter to discuss with Brian Dragos, suggest Landmarks grant.

## New Business

### **Strategic Plan – suggestions for 2008**

Membership drive (as discussed earlier)

March – party for tour homeowners and members

Guest speakers – ideas? (Bruce Johnson has 40 minute slide show on Belle Guness)

Talents of members

May – meeting / potluck at a home (possibly Rodriguez, May 12)

May – Letters to tour candidates for 2008

Aug – PEP picnic

County historic home tour a possibility for September? Could PEP work with tourism or other entities?

Ghost tour – Indiana ghost trackers – Dean may have contact info

More ideas welcome

Dean suggested help with restoration / re-purpose of the county home barn

### **Belle Guness memorial marker project**

**Motion** Don Bowman, second Dean White \$100 donation to LaPorte County Historical Society for the Historical Fund. Motion carried.

ACTION: Tim to find out cost of organizational membership to the historical society and whether that would bring any priveledges, such as admission to the County Museum.

**Motion** to Adjourn: Don Bowman, second Peter Steele. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:05PM

Respectfully submitted by Peter Steele, Secretary/Pam Ruminski, President; January 15, 2008

Next meeting to be held at Swanson Activity Center on February 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM

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