

Minutes PEP MEETING APRIL 10, 2010 Swanson Center

Members Present: Ron McAtee, Gordon Johanson, Jodell Johanson, Clara Lawrence, Liz

Ridenour, Joyce Cook, Tim Stabosz, Susan Kieffer and Bob Boklund.

Meeting called to order at 7:03 by President Ron McAtee.

Previous Minutes: March Minutes approved as corrected, Motion by Liz, second by Jodell;
MOTIONED PASSED

Treasure's Report: Checking - \$5337.03, Investments \$162,584.53

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee: PEP will be partnering with Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana, (HLFI). HLF I announced a change in dues as of May 2010:

	Non-Affiliated	Affiliated (PEP)
Seniors	\$20.00	\$15.00
Individual	\$35.00	\$25.00
Household	\$50.00	\$40.00
Group	\$100.00	\$50.00

(PEP will pay nothing towards an individual's membership as they did in the past.)

Social Committee: No Report

OLD Business:

1. 1008 Michigan:

a) **In 2003, the "Ball" started rolling for PEP to purchase 1008 from St. Paul's. Ron, Tim and Gordon met with hostility from the Church Board when an offer of \$100,000.00 was made to the church. Offer was dropped due to members of the Church Board not wanting to sell the adjacent property with 1008.**

b) October 2009 PEP purchased 1008 Michigan

c) March 2010 – PEP accepted an offer to sell 1008 “AS IS” to a Lawyer from Ft. Wayne. After all is done and the smoke clears, PEP will realize a \$150.00 profit. However, there are three contingencies:

- 1) Approval for a commercial sign
 - 2) Approval of an Architect’s Drawing by HLF
 - 3) Assurance the 1008 is zoned for Commercial Business
 - d) (PEP is working towards making 1008 a Single Site Designation prior to closing) A resolution will be presented to the common council at the second meeting in April and second reading at May meeting. Plan on attending if possible.
2. Letter writing campaign for single site historical designation was set in motion with a letter and a tri-fold insert being sent to all “Outstanding” properties designated in the Interim Report.
 3. We’ve added and changed building on the “most endangered” structures. Instead of five (5) structures, we now have six (6). 1603 Weller and the old Gas and Electric Building were put aside for the time being. The Dick Building, downtown LaPorte and 506 Clay St. (Jiffy Pop) were added.
 4. Plans for Preservation Month: Ron requested all members at the meeting take five (5) Celebrate Historic LaPorte Signs and place them in “visible” areas throughout the city.

Book Talk in conjunction with the LaPorte Library is on for May.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Ways to save the Fire Station, across from McDonalds, were discussed. Clara’s idea to use volunteers to repair and maintain OR have PEP rent the building for PEP’s home base was discussed as Preserve America Steward application which is due June 1, 2010 - Clara. Possibly using the building as a Visitor’s Center or Educational Teaching Center was also discussed.
2. Diane Haas, a homeowner in Laporte, wants to give PEP all old City Records. Ron will contact her.
3. Grassroots Preservation Roundup Idea Exchange Saturday May 1st 1-5 pm Hoosier Theatre, 1335 119th Street, Whiting. RSVP to Ashley Lichtenbarger at assistants@dnr.in.gov by April 24, 2010
4. The building at 707 Lincolnway has a new inappropriate door.

5. Clara has volunteered to be the Candlelight Tour Chairperson. Liz volunteered as Music focal point and Jodell requested to be on the Candlelight Committee.

MOTION: Susan to close meeting, Gordon 2nd. MOTION CARRIED. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM.