

PEP MEETING
January 12, 2009

President Ron McAtee called meeting to order at 7:05pm

Attendees: Ron McAtee- Pres	Joyce Cook- VP	Peter Steele – Secretary
Jodell Johanson – Treasurer	Domingo Rodriguez	Luz Rodriguez
Clara Lawrence	Lew Ridenour	Bob Boklund
Liz Ridenour	Pam Ruminski	Elicia Dadlow
Gordon Johanson	Rory Bunce	Tim Stabosz
Don Bowman		

Announcements

Laporte Historic Preservation Commission has two openings. Please let Tim know if you are interested.

Previous Minutes

September 08 meeting minutes were read as they had never formally been approved.

Motion Tim Stabosz, Second Pam Ruminski to accept September minutes with minor corrections. Motion Carried.

Motion, Gordon Johanson, Second Tim Stabosz to accept December (2008) minutes with minor corrections. Motion Carried

Treasurer's Report Jodell

LPSB Checking 12/15/2008: 5791.40

Investment Account 12/29/2008: \$15,537.29

Tim distributed a financial summary of the 2008 Candlelight Tour, and a summary of our investment account.

Motion Liz Ridenour, Second Don Bowman to accept the financial report. Motion Carried

Committees

Finance Committee -- Ron McAtee would like to establish the finance committee as required by the group's bylaws. Finance committee established as Tim Stabosz, Joyce Cook, Bob Boklund and Jodell Johanson.

Bylaws committee – Don is working on revising the bylaws. Christine Rosario and Ron McAtee are the other member of the committee.

Membership (no chair)

Membership dues are due now: \$15 individual, \$25 family, \$50 Corporation and \$10 Student or Senior Citizen are due for 2008. Student is a full time student and Senior Citizen is 60 or older.

Social - Pam Ruminski

No report

Publicity/newsletter (no chair)

Old Business

Candlelight Tour

Tim presented a financial summary of the tour. Net profit was \$3058.

Motion Tim Stabosz, Liz Ridenour to grant free memberships to all of the homeowners and participants on the 2008 Candlelight Tour. Includes renters, Mike from Temple News and Cris Marshall as a homeowner would be included. Motion Carried.

History Research Seminar

Fern Eddy Schultz and Tim created a syllabus about the course and they would present it together.

This is moving along and would hope that it would be a joint PEP/LaPorte County Historical Society. Discussed how much it would cost and where it would be. Perhaps about \$5 and at located at the museum and/or at the library. Could also have a less-formal dry run, or a research seminar in conjunction with a regular PEP meeting. Possibly have an entry level class and a more advanced workshop. Discussed possibly content on a CD that could be either sold or distributed by PEP.

Motion Don Bowman, Second Rory Bunce to support the Historic Research Seminar. Motion Carried.

Membership Letter

We have Historic Landmarks of Indiana mailing list for our county, former PEP members and people that were on the Candlelight house tour.

Motion Rory Bunce, Second Pam Ruminski to come up with a firm number for a budget before we do it. Motion Carried.

Rory suggested that we should get an electronic version brochure on the PEP website. He also suggests we get things more virtual such as capturing email addresses and take opportunities to distribute the brochures.

Action Tim, Pam and Peter to come up with a number that the mailing would be sent to.

New Business

Survey

Ron sent an email link to a web survey with questions related to the future of the group. There were 19 respondents so far. Ron reviewed some of the responses.

Goals to be discussed after survey feedback is complete: next month.

Ron would like to see us helping each other actively doing preservation with houses.

Action Pam to send Peter the current member database for maintenance.

Little Theatre Light Fixture

The LaPorte Little Theatre was given a light fixture that was in the LaPorte Theater. It was broken and they took it down. The Little Theater Club Board voted to trash it. They would like to donate it to PEP. It would then go out to Bob Kopnick's shop to see if it can be restored.

Rory suggested we should be prepared to jump on opportunities as they arise, such as moving a donated property to a new site.

Bob Boklund passed out copies of the IRS rules for a 501(C)3 Non-Profit of which PEP is one.

Motion Gordon, Second Tim Stabosz to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 8:36pm